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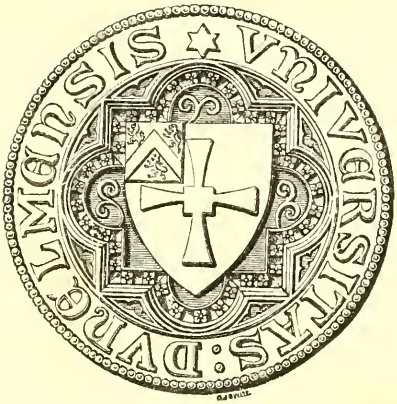

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At a General Meeting of the Surtees Society, held in the Castle at Durham, on the 6th of June, 1854, it was

Resolved,—"That a Volume of Wills from the Registry of York should be edited by the Rev. James Raine, Jun. M.A. as one of the Publications of the Society for the Year 1855."

JOHN PEDDER,

Secretary.

PREFACE.

The Council of the Surtees Society has much pleasure in adding a second volume of Wills from the Registry at York to its Testamentary publications.

The present volume extends over a period of twenty-eight years, from 1429 to 1467, a generation fraught with stirring incidents, in which the county of York was especially concerned. Then it was that the houses of York and Lancaster strove together for the mastery, and the best and bravest of the chivalry of England were sacrificed to family hatred and personal ambition. In this disastrous contest Yorkshire lost some of her stoutest sons. So deeply, indeed, was this county affected by that sanguinary war that it was the intention of the Editor to have prefaced this volume with a short account of the local history of the time, as an introduction to the documents which are now presented to the public. The space, however, which this account would have required has been resigned in favour of an index to the volume of Wills from the Registry of York which the Society has already published. This index will be a valuable addition to that interesting volume.

The reader may probably observe, in the present volume, many words and phrases which set at defiance all the ordinary rules of grammar. For these the

Editor cannot hold himself responsible. It has been his endeavour to give the documents as he found them, and he has only deviated from this rule in a few cases where the error has manifestly originated in the carelessness of the scribe.

The Editor may, perhaps, be blamed by some for making the notes, which illustrate the present volume, too genealogical. He has done this advisedly. It is not the object of the Society to republish matter which has already seen the light, and the Editor is confident that almost all the points which seem to require illustration are satisfactorily explained in works which are within the reach of every antiquary. In the present volume the notes are, in many cases, supplementary to the text itself, as they contain curious details and information, which, although undeserving of a more prominent position, could not be entirely omitted.

The Society is deeply indebted to the kindness of the Rev. L. G. Harcourt, the registrar of York, and to his deputies, Messrs. Hudson and Buckle, for permitting the publication of the present volume. The Editor also, individually, has great pleasure in acknowledging the courtesy which he has experienced at the hands of Messrs. Hudson and Buckle, who readily afforded him every facility during his lengthened searches among the treasures under their charge.

JAMES RAINE, Jun.

Neville Hall, Newcastle-upon-Tyne,
May 16, 1855.

TESTAMENTA EBORACENSIA.

I. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI LASCY, DOMICELLI, DE GAYTFORD.

Feb. 12, 1426. Robertus Lascy* de Gaitford—sep. in ecclesia de Brayton. Johanni Strensall vicario ecclesiæ de Brayton, et Hugoni Sherley, cantariæ presbitero de Haddelsay, duas acras terræ in quibus Willelmus Pace, vicarius ecclesiæ de Ricall, et Johannes de Rycall, capellanus, sunt feoffati in campo vocato Preestland, et duas acras terræ adjacentes, ad solvendum uni capellano idoneo et honesto divina in capella de Gaytford, durantibus nonaginta et novem annis post decessum meum, in augmentacionem salarii sui, pro anima Magistri Johannis Notyngham et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, celebraturo.—Ricardo Lascy, fratri meo, unum equum precii xl s. vel xl s., et omnem armaturam meam et unam togam cum furrura, videlicet, unam de skarlett. Willelmo Lascy, fratri meo, omnia terras et tenementa quæ michi hereditarie descendebant post mortem Johannis Lascy patris mei, de perquisicione sua, in villa et campis de Selby, ad totam vitam suam. Johanni filio meo unam peciam argenti stantem super tres leones, coopertam, et sex cocliaria argenti. Willelmo† filio meo unam peciam argenti cum coopertorio argenti.

* The testator may perhaps have been descended from a younger son of the great baronial family of Lacy. At all events, he was a gentleman of large estates and property. In 1584, Glover found the arms of the family in Selby Church, to which they had probably been benefactors.

The meaning of the word domicellus, which is here applied to the testator, is not quite evident. In earlier times it appears to have been the name given to the eldest son of a king, nobleman, or gentleman, who was still in his minority. In a manuscript in the library of the Dean and Chapter of Durham, there is a Papal Brief in 1356, "Johanni de Hilton, domicello," [*i. e., as Rud explains it*, baronis de Hilton filio primogenito.] It is dated at Avignon. The word seems to have been afterwards applied to a household servant, one however who was in the confidence of his master, and apparently in a position superior to that of the other domestics.

† William Lascy of Gaitford makes his will at Selby, February 10, 1468-9, by which he desires to be buried in the church-yard of Brayton. He mentions his wife Margaret, his son John, and his brother John.

Johannæ filiæ meæ unam peciam argenti flatt, coopertam, et sex cocliaria argenti et xx^ti^ marcas ad maritagium suum. Volo quod Willelmus filius habeat omnia terras et tenementa mea in Acome et Holgate post mortem Johannæ uxoris meæ.—Johannes filius meus junior—Johannæ uxori meæ ; Johanni Strensall, Hugoni Sherley, et Ricardo Lascy fratri meo, executoribus meis, omnia terras et tenementa mea in comitatibus Ebor. et Lincoln., durante minore ætate Johannis filii et heredis mei—filiæ meæ.—[*Prob.* 3 *Dec.* 1429.]

II. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI WYVELL ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In festo S. Petri ad Vincula, A.D. M.cccc.xxx., Ego Willelmus Wyvell,* armiger, de Slyngesby in Rydall, compos mentis—corpus meum ad sepeliendum in eccles. par. de Slyngby, in medio ejusdem ante crucem. Item lego optimum equum meum sellatum cum armatura pro mortuario meo. Item lego iiij lb. ceræ comburendæ circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ, cum uno torto.—Fabricæ eccles. B. Petri Ebor. iij s. iiij d.—Cuilibet ordini Fratrum Ebor. ij s.—Lumini altari de Slyngby iij s. iiij d.—Cuilibet filio meo spirituali xij d. Lego Agneti uxori meæ unam domum, quæ vocatur Mason place, cum iiij. bovatis terræ, ad terminum vitæ suæ. Item lego Ricardo filio meo unam domum quæ vocatur Dowfecote place, in australi parte villæ de Slyngby. Lego Roberto filio meo unam domum in eadem villa juxta cimiterium. Johanni filio meo optimam bigam meam. Johanni Dowell alteram bigam meam. Residuum —Agnetem uxorem meam, dominum Willelmum Wyvell filium meum, dominum Edmundum rectorem de Foston et Rob. Barnard armigerum executores—supervisores dominum Ricardum Hastyng militem et Joh.† filium meum.—[*Prob.* 14 *Aug.* 1430.]

* Slingesby in Rydale was the ancient seat of the family of Wyvill, which afterwards took up its head quarters at Constable Burton, in Richmondshire. The old pedigrees of this house carry it up through a long line of knights to Sir Humphrey Wyvill of Slingesby, who came into England with the Conqueror ; but I strongly suspect their accuracy. I am inclined to think that the Robert Wyvill who laid the foundation of the Richmondshire branch, by his marriage with an heiress of Pigot, was the son, or at all events a near relative, of the testator. The family of Wyvill of Osgodby, which is now connected with the house of Slingesby, was undoubtedly the elder and for some time the more vigorous branch. It maintained its position at Osgodby for a considerable time.

† John Wyvill, of Osgodby, Esq. the testator's son, by his will, dated 17 December, 1460, desires to be buried in the choir of the chapel of Cayton, near the body of Robert Barde, Esq. He leaves for his mortuary his best horse with all his armour for his body. To the fabric of the tower of the church of Slingesby he gives 20*s.* if it may be built within three years after the date of his will, but if the parishioners will not build it within that time, he leaves the 20*s.* to his brother Sir William Wyvill, rector

III. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI NICHOLAI STRELLEY DE STRELLEY MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Nicholaus Strelley* miles, bonæ mentis et sanæ memoriæ, die Veneris proximo post festum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo trigesimo, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis, lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus Sanctis ejus ; et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum de Strelley. Item lego optimum averium, nomine principalis mei, rectori predictæ ecclesiæ. Item lego xx libras ceræ et quatuor tapers ad comburendum circa corpus meum a die sepulturæ meæ usque in diem meum septimum. Item volo quod executores mei ordinent septem capellanos statim post obitum meum ad faciendum officium de Placebo et Dirige circa corpus meum, et ad celebrandum pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum per septem dies proxime sequentes, in ecclesia predicta, videlicet, quolibet die tam Placebo et Dirige, quam alias missas, videlicet, unam missam de Requiem cum nota, secundam de Sancta Maria cum nota, terciam de Sancta Trinitate, quartam de Spiritu Sancto, quintam de Omnibus Sanctis, sextam de Omnibus Angelis, et septimam de die de quo dicunt suum servicium : et quod quilibet capellanorum predictorum habeat unam nigram (togam) cum capucio ejusdem sectæ et vj s. viij d. in pecunia numerata, cum cibis et potibus de meo, predictis septem diebus durantibus. Item volo quod predicti capellani eligant quinque pauperes clericos maxime egentes ad ministrandum in ecclesia predicta per predictos septem dies : et quod quilibet eorum habeat quolibet die ij d. ; videlicet, unum denarium ad offerendum ad missam de Requiem et j d. pro tencione tortarum et unam nigram togam cum capucio ejusdem

of Dalby, to be spent on the fabric of his church there. To each order of the Mendicant Friars at Scarborough, 3*s*. 4*d*. To John Wyvill his son and heir 20 ewes. To Richard his son 40*s*. He appoints Isabel his wife, and Sir William Wyvill his brother, his executors. [*Pr*. 11 *July*, 1460.]

Another John Wyvill of Osgodby, probably the son of the above, and the grandson of William Wyvill the testator, makes his will 31 March, 1466, and desires to be buried in the chapel of St. John the Baptist at Caiton. He makes Agnes his wife and Sir William Wyvill rector of Dalby his executors.

* The testator, the head of a distinguished Nottinghamshire house, married, according to the recorded pedigree of his family, Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Edward Pierpoint, Knight, by whom he had two sons, (Sir) Robert and John. The number and variety of the charitable bequests render this will extremely interesting ; and the clauses against dicers and tavern-haunters, a rare denunciation in those days, bear witness to the good sense and feeling of the testator. But how was the legacy to be recovered upon a breach of promise ? On August 1, 1441, Archbishop Kempe grants permission to Robert Strelley, Esq. and Alice his wife, to have divine service celebrated in their house.

sectæ et unum novum par sotularium, et sustentacionem in cibis at potibus, ut supra. Item volo quod predictæ tortæ non illuminentur nisi tantum ad levacionem sacramenti missæ de Requiem; et, predictis septem diebus completis, predictæ xij. tortæ isto modo distribuantur, videlicet, quatuor tortæ ecclesiæ de Strelley predictæ, et duo capellæ Sanctæ Mariæ in eadem ecclesia, duo ecclesiæ de Bilburgh, duo ecclesiæ de Trowell, et duo capellæ de Shipley. Item volo quod predicti executores mei eligant quinque viduas maxime egentes vestibus albis indutas de meo, quæ dictæ viduæ quolibet die offerent quælibet illarum j d. ad missam de Sancta Maria de meo; et quælibet earum teneat quolibet die unam candelam ad predictam missam de Sancta Maria de meo; et quod quælibet earum habeat in toto xx d., et sustentacionem in cibis et potibus, predictis septem diebus durantibus. Item lego pro expensis in die sepulturæ meæ, cum sex diebus proxime sequentibus, cum stauro domus meæ, xx marcas. Item lego c s. ad distribuendum inter pauperes maxime egentes infra villatas de Strelle, Hymmesley, Nuthall, Bafford, Bilburgh, Chilwell, Adenburgh, Stapulford, Trowell, Cessall et Adesworth secundum discrecciones predictorum executorum meorum; ita semper quod nullus, qui utitur talis vel aliis jocis illicitis, aut tabernis nocturnis temporibus illicitis, habeat summam predictam, nisi voluerit facere sufficientem securitatem meis predictis executoribus quod ea omittat; et si compertum fuerit postea quod ea non omiserit tunc omnes summas predictas, sic receptas, meis prefatis executoribus restituat. Item lego x s. Fratribus Minoribus Notynghame, ad celebrandum unum trentale pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Item lego x s. Fratribus Carmelitis Notyngham, ad celebrandum unum trentale pro anima mea, ut supra. Item lego x s. Fratribus Predicatoribus Derb' ad celebrandum unum trentale pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum.—Executores meos facio Johannem Cokfeld* armigerum, Thomam Meres armigerum, Henricum Knyveton armigerum, Robertum Willughby† rectorem ecclesiæ Sancti Petri Notynghame, Nicholaum Pakker rectorem ecclesiæ de Bilburgh,

* John Cockfield, of Nuthall, co. Notts, Esq. the last male representative of his family, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas Foljambe, Esq. and left no issue. His estates passed to his sister Agnes, who married John Talboys, Esq. By his will, dated December 4, 1453, he directs his body to be buried in the church of St. Patrick at Nuthall. He constitutes Margaret his wife, Robert Clifton, and Richard Willoughby, Esqs. William Foljambe, sen. William Ford, and William Clough, his executors, and makes William Babington, Esq. his supervisor. His widow, the Lady Margaret, made her will at Wollaton, in 1462. It will be given in its proper place.

† Robert Willoughby, a younger son perhaps of the house of Wollaton, was rector of St. Peter's Nottingham, and orders himself to be buried in the chancel of that church, by his will, dated March 2, 1438-9. Mr. William Clifton, and his brother Sir John, are the residuary legatees in his will, which was proved at York, April 30, 1439.

et Willelmum Bland ; et ordino Willelmum Babyngton militem supervisorem.*—Datum apud Strelley. [*Prob.* 26 *Sep.* 1430.]

IV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI ROBERTI CLYFFORD VICARII DE BOSSALL.

Jan. 21, 1428-9. Ego Robertus Clyfford,† vicarius ecclesiæ parochialis de Bossall, compos mentis, tamen sentiens michi mortis periculum appropinquare, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ Virgini gloriosæ, totique collegio civium superiorum, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia predicta. Item, do et lego ecclesiæ predictæ duo vestimenta, unum, videlicet, de viridi damasc', et alterum de tarteryn, coloris murray, unum Missale, unum Manuale, unum Psalterium feriatum et unum calicem argenti. Residuum Priori ecclesiæ cathedralis Dunelmensis et Henrico Helay ‡ confratri et commonacho suo. [*Pr.* 12 *Nov.* 1430, *and administration granted to brother Henry Helay, monk of Durham.*]

V. TESTAMENTUM OLIVERI WODEROW, DE PAROCHIA DE WOLLEY.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Oliverus Woderow,§ in festo Sancti Martini in yeme, anno Domini millesimo cccc^mo^ tricesimo, compos

* Lord Chief Justice of the King's Bench, and a member of an illustrious Nottinghamshire family. He married the rich heiress of Martell, who brought the estate of Chilwell into his family. His will is dated on 3 October, 1454, and in it he desires to be buried in the church of the Holy Trinity at Lenton (Monasterii de Lentona), in the chapel of St. Mary, "de novo ibidem constructa." He mentions his wife Margery, who is said by Thoroton to have died in 1442, and his sons William, Robert, and Robert. [*Prob.* 10 *Oct.* 1454.]

† The incumbent of one of the Yorkshire livings which were in the gift of the prior and convent of Durham. His will is brief, but interesting ; and in it he leaves all his effects to the pious and antiquarian prior of Durham, John Wessington, who appears to have been his personal friend and patron, and to Henry Helagh, a Durham monk. As Helagh could not undertake the executorship without the permission of his superior, Clifford had previously obtained that permission, and in his licence, dated 1 April, 1427, Wessington says that he makes the concession, "ad magnam instanciam amici nostri predilecti Domini Roberti Clyfford, vicarii de Bossill." (Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres, ccxv.)

‡ Henry Helagh appears to have been a man of some ability. He was evidently a favourite monk : he was bursar of the monastery for two years. In 1437 he became Prior of Holy Island, where he continued till 1441 or 1442, when he was recalled to Durham at the request of Bishop Neville. In February, 1446-7, Prior Ebchester allows him to spend a month at Finchale (gracia spaciandi). His stay there must have been prolonged, as we find him at Finchale in the following year.

§ A will with which Mr. Hunter appears to have been unacquainted when he compiled his pedigree of Woodruffe of Wolley. There is a great deal of confusion in the earlier genealogy of this family ; and it is extremely difficult to ascertain who are its present representatives. Richard Woodruffe, the last member of the family who is

mentis, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis, lego Omnipotenti Deo, plasmatori meo, animam meam, quam scio cruore precioso redemit, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia de Wolley. Item lego optimum equum meum apparatum, prout decet, nomine mortuarii mei. Item volo quod quicquid acciderit Deo vel sanctæ ecclesiæ quoque modo de me in vita mea primo impleatur de bonis et catallis meis. Item lego Priori et Conventui de Munkbretton, pro decimis oblitis seu subtractis, xx s. Item lego ad summum altare ecclesiæ de Wollay unam tabulam de passione Christi, quæ est in capella mea predicta. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Beati Petri Eboracensis dimidiam marcam auri. Item lego fratribus de Tykhill unum nobile pro uno trentali. Item lego Fratribus de ordine Minorum de Doncastre pro alio trentali unum nobile. Item lego Fratribus Carmelitis de Doncastre pro alio trentali vj s. viij d. Item lego Fratribus de Pontefracto pro alio trentali vj s. viij d. Item lego decem marcas auri ad exequias meas faciendum. Item lego decem marcas auri distribuendas pro anima mea pauperibus. Item lego xxj. marcas auri ad celebrandum pro anima mea per tres annos. Item lego Aliciæ Skargill ad maritagium suum decem marcas auri. Item lego Agneti Flynthill servienti meæ xl s. auri. Item lego Johanni Laverok alteri servienti meo xl s. Item lego Willelmo Pynning seniori xl s. de auro. Item lego Willelmo Pynnyng juniori xl s. auri. Item lego Olivero Gaunt quinque marcas auri. Item lego Marjoriæ Pynnyng xl s. auri. Item lego Thomæ Bank xiij s. iiij d. auri. Item lego Christoforo Pyncus, si expectaverit mecum in servicio, xlij s. iiij d. Item lego parvo Ricardo Pynnyng filio Aliciæ xx s. auri. Item lego Willelmo Westenden nuper servo meo xx s. Item lego Willelmo Hyncheliff nuper servo meo xx s. Item lego Willelmo Mirfeld meum optimum ciphum argenti deauratum cum coopertorio ejusdem. Item lego Johanni Wodrow * unum ciphum argenti

recorded by Mr. Hunter, married one of the coheirs of Thomas Percy, the attainted Earl of Northumberland, and left issue behind him, the history of which, from various causes, it is now almost impossible to trace. The testator was probably the son of John Woodruffe, who makes his will on the 2nd of August, 19 Richard II. In this will he is not mentioned by name, but, as the great family estates may have been previously settled upon him, his father may have thought that he was already sufficiently provided for: at all events, when Oliver Woodruffe died, he was in possession of John Woodruffe's estates; and the interval between his death and that of his supposed father is too short to admit of another generation. John Woodruffe in his will mentions his wife Catherine, his daughters, his daughter Margaret, and his son John. Oliver Woodruffe the testator died on 20 Nov. 1430, leaving John, son of John his brother, as his heir.

* John Woodruffe, the nephew of the testator, was receiver of Edward IV. for the manors of Wakefield, Coningsbrough, and Hatfield. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Laurence Hamerton of Wigglesworth in Craven, Esq. and left issue by her. By his will, dated at "Wolnelay," Oct. 6, 1487, which was proved at York on the 20th of November following, he makes Richard Woodruffe, his son and heir, his executor;

signatum cum uno liberd in capite coopertorii. Item lego eidem Johanni decem cocliaria argenti signata cum A. et V. Item lego eidem Johanni unum gladium harnysht cum argento, nuper fratris ejusdem Johannis, cum uno nowche cum le3 perle3. Residuum executoribus meis, quos constituo Aliciam uxorem meam, Willelmum Mirfeld, Henricum Norththorp capellanum, Thomam Sutell * capellanum, et Johannem Laverok.—Scriptum apud Wollay. [*Pr.* 12 *Dec.* 1430.]

VI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS NEVILLE DOMINI DE LATYMER.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Johannes Neville,† dominus de Latymer, compos mentis, lego animam meam Deo omnipotenti et Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus Sanctis ; et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in choro ecclesiæ Abbathiæ Beatæ Mariæ Eboracensis, ubi sepulturam meam elegi et lapidem meum apposui. Item lego summo altari predictæ Abbathiæ magnum meum Missale pro mortuario meo. Item lego duo candelabra de argento summo altari ejusdem ecclesiæ. Item lego Bibliam meam Prioratui et Conventui de Gisburn. Item lego Prioratui de Byschmede vestimentum de rubio satyn integrum. Residuumque bonorum meorum non legatorum do et concedo Thomæ Lambton‡ armigero meo, simul cum omnibus debitis meis. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Popylton, in festo Concepcionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo}. xxx^{mo}. et Regis Henrici Sexti nono. Presentibus in sigillatione testamenti hujusmodi discretis viris Stephano Ednam§ generoso, Johanne Frances, Alano Horselay. [*Prob.* 14 *Dec.* 1430.]

and he mentions Elizabeth Wentworth, his son Richard's daughter. On October 4, 1453, Archbishop Kempe grants an oratory to John Woderoff, Esq. and Elizabeth his wife.

* A Thomas Sutyll, vicar of South Kirkby, makes his will on Feb. 8, 1466-7, and directs his body to be buried in the churchyard, near the great door. He leaves to the church a gilt cross. Thomas Trigott of South Kirkby, Esq. and John Sutill, rector of Thornemanby, are his executors.

† The only son of John Lord Neville of Raby, by his second wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of William Lord Latimer. In 19 Ric. II. he was fourteen years of age; and in 5 Hen. V. he was summoned to Parliament as Lord Latimer. He married Matilda, daughter of Thomas Lord Clifford, and widow of Richard Earl of Cambridge, whose will is printed hereafter ; but he left no issue. His estates and title passed on to his great-nephew, George Neville, third son of Ralph Earl of Westmerland. His will, it is to be observed, is dated at the little village of Poppleton, near York.

‡ Most probably the son and heir of William Lambton of Lambton, Esq. and his master's favourite esquire. Two years after the date of the present will he became the head of his ancient house on the death of his father. His mother lived in York during her widowhood, and was buried in the church of St. Helen-on-the-Walls in 1439. Her will occurs under that year.

§ Stephen Ednam of Appleton, by his will, dated March 13, 1450–1, desires to be buried in the church of Lastingham. He leaves Joan his wife as his executrix, and

VII. TESTAMENTUM ALICIÆ RELICTÆ PETRI UPSTALL.

In Dei nomine, Amen: xxvij. Dec. M.cccc.xxx. Ego Alicia* relicta Petri Upstall, nuper civis et mercatoris Ebor.—sepeliendum in choro Beatæ Mariæ juxta corpora puerorum meorum in ecclesia mea parochiali Sancti Martini in Conyngstrete, Ebor.—Fabricæ ecclesiæ meæ parochialis pro sepultura mea xx s. Et pro expensis meis funeralibus cvi s. viij d. Et Fratribus Carmelitis Ebor. ad recreationem Conventus sui in esculentis et poculentis xx s. Et xx s. ad emendum pannum album pro lodicibus inde faciendis et pauperibus in lectis suis jacentibus distribuendis. Et lego xx s. ad emendum panem, cervisiam, et carnes bovinas et multonum dandas prisonariis in Castro Ebor., in les Kydcotes, et in prisona domini Archiepiscopi Ebor., ac pauperibus in lectis suis jacentibus in diversis locis in civitate Ebor. Et Fraternitati Corporis Christi in Ebor., ad fabricacionem feretri per eos conficiendi ad portandum Corpus Christi iij s. iiij d. Et magistro Johanni Carleton optimam mappam meam cum tuella et j pecten de ebore; et magistro Johanni† filio suo unum aliud pecten de ebore, et Roberto Smeton vj s. viij d. et j pecten de busshe. Ricardo Russell fratri meo illos tres annulos aureos quos mihi dedit, et Johannæ filiæ suæ zonam meam cum cathena argentea stipata cum aquilis argenteis, j coopertorium cum arboribus cum tapeto, j par lodicum, j par linthiaminum de optimis, ij pulvinaria cum nodis rotundis de serico de Inde, j lectum plumalem cum j pari cultellorum argento ornatorum et deauratorum; et Johanni Russell fratri meo j peciam argenti planam coopertam et j zonam argento paratam cum angelis volantibus. Isabellæ sorori meæ optimam gounam meam per eam eligendam preter mortuarium meum. Agneti Bowes j parvam peciam argenti pounsed. Johanni filio meo totam partem meam omnium aliorum vasorum meorum argenti, duos optimas zonas meas argento paratas, optimum coopertorium meum cum tapeto viridi cowched, ij optima paria linthiaminum, ij paria lodicum, partem meam lectorum plumalium, ij magna pulvinaria, ij pulvinaria ornata cum viridi, optimum dorsorium de viridi cowched, iij banquers, xij quysshyns cowched cum scutis de rubio et albo, j par precum de curall cum uno formali aureo, j Agnus Dei aureo et j corde aureo et cum j pari precum de aumbre. Johanni Tailour de Lepyngton j cooper-

Sir Thomas le Neville, knight, as his supervisor: the will is proved June 23, 1451. He was evidently a retainer of the Nevilles.

* The widow of a York merchant, whose will contains some interesting bequests. Her husband mentions her in his will, which is dated 20 April, 1430. In it he leaves all his lands and tenements at "Harsell," in Brabant, to his son John.

† Some notices and wills of this family will be given hereafter.

torium de viridi cum signis, j par linthiaminum pro famulis ordinatorum cum j matras, et uxori ejus gounam meam de viridi singularem lini, j ollam cruceam vocatam gyngyll fractam in labro, j patellam usualem et vj s. viij d. Et Agneti Laxton terciam togam meam cum uno capucio de violeto. Et Adæ famulo meo sellas vocatas paksadyls, pakclathes, pakprykkes, j sellam cum freno, j materas, j coopertorium, j par linthiaminum pro famulis ordinatorum. Ricardo Strannge capellano xiij s. iiij d. et Johanni Spence capellano vj s. viij d. et Matildi Roderham optimum capucium meum de scarleto preter mortuarium. Et ad distribuendum inter mulieres quæ fuerunt operariæ meæ vj s. viij d. Et Aliciæ Manby j gounam de viridi liniatam cum carde, j gonam cum cathena de auricalco cum le tysshewe de serico, j aliam parvam gonam argento paratam, j par precum de nigro gete cum j formali argenti. Et Margaretæ Lamley armilansam meam de nigro, et Johannæ Kyrkeby iij s. iiij d. et cuilibet famulorum et famularum predicti Ricardi Russell fratris mei xij d. et cuilibet famularum mearum xij d. Et Thomæ Nype ad exhibendum ipsum ad scolas xx s. Et Aliciæ Tutbatts minimum capucium meum de scarleto. Et Johanni Fysshelake de Ebor. xx s. Et uxori ejus gounam meam de russeto penulatam cum griseo. [*Prob. 5 Jan.* 1430-1.]

VIII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI PLAYSE DE EGTON.

April 1, 1429. Ego Robertus Plays*—sep. in ecclesia mea parochiali de Lyth. Item lego optimum animal meum nomine mortuarii mei—Rectori de Croft pro decimis meis oblitis xx s.

* Robert Place of Aton, in Pickering Lyth, was the ancestor of that house of Place which afterwards settled at Halnaby and Dinsdale. Of the early history of this family there is but little known, and the present document, therefore, will be especially welcome to the genealogist. The testator, by his marriage with the rich heiress of Halnaby, became possessed of large estates in the North Riding of Yorkshire and Durham, which, at the time when he makes his will, were probably encumbered with the jointure of his mother-in-law, who seems to have been in possession of the plate of her family, and perhaps also of the manor house at Halnaby.

Four children are recorded in this will. Robert, the eldest son, who married Isabel one of the *five-and-twenty* children of Sir Ralph Pudsey of Bolton and Barford, by whom he left issue, William and Thomas, who died childless, and a daughter Elizabeth.

Sir William Place, Knight, the father of the testator, by a deed of gift, executed at Siggeston, "die Jovis post festum Annuntiationis, 19 Richard II." conveyed all his property to Margaret his wife and her children.

Margaret his wife, a daughter of Robert Lelom, died in the year 1400, and her will occurs in Testamenta Eboracensia, Part I.

This Sir William was the first of the family who settled at Aton. He became located there in right of his mother Elizabeth, daughter and coheir of Sir William Aton. His father died before him, and his mother re-married Sir John Conyers of Sockburn, and died in York in 1402, having survived her second husband.

Rectori de Lythe pro decimis meis negligenter oblitis xx s. Domino Johanni Cleseby,* rectori de Mersk in comitatu Richmondiæ, optimum ciphum meum murram argento ligatam. Johanni Trollop unum ciphum argenti altum et coopertum pounsed et chased, in custodia dominæ Johannæ matris uxoris meæ existentem, si bene poterit adquiri extra manus suas. Roberto Cleseby consanguineo meo et filiolo meo unum alium ciphum argenti ejusdem formæ et staturæ in custodia predictæ dominæ Johannæ existentem, si bene poterit adquiri de manibus suis. Agneti uxori predicti Johannis Trollopp sex cocliaria argenti in custodia predictæ dominæ existentia, si bene poterunt adquiri de manibus suis. Radulpho Pudsay unum ciphum argenti coopertum et unum salarium argenti coopertum et intus deauratum, in custodia dictæ dominæ Johannis matris uxoris meæ. Roberto filio meo et heredi totam armaturam meam cum duobus gladiis, unus principalis, et alius pro guerra. Willelmo filio meo unum gladium trenchand, et omnia terras et tenementa mea in Holme et Spaldyngmore et Santon juxta Wighton, de quibus feoffavi predictos Robertum Cleseby, Johannem Trollopp et alios, ad terminum vitæ suæ, et tunc remaneant rectis heredibus meis. Thomæ filio meo unum gladium curtum cum capa argenti et omnia terras et tenementa mea in Cunselay, Sleghtes, Ogilwardby et Danby juxta Egton, ad terminum vitæ suæ et tunc remaneant rectis heredibus meis. Elizabethæ filiæ meæ omnia terras et tenementa mea in villa de Whitby, ad terminum vitæ suæ. Residuum Katarinæ † uxori meæ, quam cum domino Johanne Cleseby, persona de Mersk in comitatu Richmondiæ, domino Johanne Story rectore de Leysham, et Nicholao Clergenet de Richmund, executores meos constituo. [*Pr.* 13 *Jan.* 1430-1.]

* This family were owners of the estate of Marske, near Richmond. The representation of the family merged soon after this time in a younger son of the house of Conyers of Hornby, who in right of his wife became owner of Marske. The family of Cleasby of Marske was probably only a junior branch of the great house which flourished at Cleasby from the earliest times.

† Daughter and heiress of Halnath de Halnaby, her brother Acrisius de Halnaby, who had been betrothed to Elizabeth daughter of Sir John de Burgh in 19 Richard II. having died without issue, if the marriage ever took place at all. After the death of her husband, she appears to have passed her widowhood at Whitby, where her will is dated on the 13th of December, 1461. In it she is styled "Lady Katherine Place." She directs her body to be buried in the Abbey church of Whitby, where the Lady mass is daily celebrated. To Hugh, the Lord Abbot of Whitby, she leaves 20 s. and a covered cup of silver, which, at his death, is to go to the use of the refectory of the monastery. To Richard Lelom, her cousin (her mother-in-law was a daughter of Robert Lelom), she leaves a covered salt-seller of silver. To her daughter Elizabeth, one cup (murram). To Margaret Plase, her saddle and bridle and a silver spoon. To Joan Plase, a spoon. She also leaves 6*s.* 8*d.* to keep up the chapel of Egton, and a similar sum to the church of Croft. The will was proved at York, 24 Feb. 1461-2.

IX. TESTAMENTUM PETRI DEL HAY NUPER DE SPALDYNGTON.

August 8, 1426. Ego Petrus del Hay* de Spaldyngton—sep. in choro ecclesiæ de Ellerton juxta corpus Elizabethæ nuper uxoris meæ defunctæ. Lego pro expensis funeralibus meis xx li. Lego ad distribuendum inter servientes meos xx li. Elizabethæ jam uxori meæ omnia bona de mea in maneriis de Gunby et Balne—duas pelves argenteas cum Salutacione Angelica in fundo situata, et cum duobus lavers argenti eisdem pertinentibus et duas ollas argenteas vocatas quart pottes—omnes vaccas meas, sive vitulos, stirks et juvencas cum stauro mortuo apud Spaldyngholme—unam peciam argenti cum cooperculo deaurato et cum aquario argenti et deaurato—et cum uno vestimento blodio pro capella sua—unum maser novum, et le steyned hallyng pertinentem ad aulam de Spaldyngton. Roberto filio † meo xij. discos argenti largos et xiij. discos argenti minores, et unam ollam argenti vocatam potelpott, et duas pelves argenti cum ij. lavers argenti eisdem pertinentibus, et omnia bona, implementa, utensilia, multones et hogastros apud Brantyngham. Willelmo Wetwange unam peciam argenti cum cooperculo. Domino Johanni Burton unam peciam argenti. Item lego cuidam capellano divina celebranti in capella de Spaldyngton secundum disposicionem executorum meorum xiiij li. Jacobo Cresacre ‡ unum equum. Eliza-

* The head of a Yorkshire family of some eminence and distinction. This will makes several additions to the genealogy of the De la Hays. The testator, it appears, was twice married. His first wife Elizabeth, who was probably the mother of his children, was buried in the monastery at Ellerton. To his second wife he took another Elizabeth, a daughter of John Woodruffe (of Wolley?), and widow of James Cresacre of Barnborough, who survived him, and made her will in 1434, under which year it will be found.

(Sir) Thomas De la Hay, the eldest son of the testator, married a daughter of Sir William Babthorpe of Babthorpe, by whom he left five daughters and coheirs, who carried the representation of his house into the families of Vavasour, Hildyard, Knight, and Thwaites. From the date of his own will, and the absence of his name in the present document, he probably had died just before the date of his father's will. By his will, dated July 1, 1426, in which he calls himself Thomas del Hay, son of Peter del Hay de Spaldyngton, he directs his body to be buried in the conventual church of Ellerton, near Elizabeth his mother. He mentions his brother Robert del Hay, and Joan his own wife, and his children. The wills of several other members of this family may be found in Testamenta Eboracensia, Part I. to which I must refer my readers.

† In all probability the same person who was made prebendary of Givendale, in the church of York, in 1420. He was also rector of Brantingham, where his father appears to have had considerable property, which he leaves to him in his will. Brantingham was a living in the gift of the prior and convent of Durham; and he was probably indebted for his preferment to the kind offices of his father, who may perhaps have held some office there under the monastery. He died in 1448, and administration of his effects was granted on the 8th of January, 1448-9, to Thomas Ellerbek, rector of St. Martin's Conystreet, in York, and William Crosby of Cave.

‡ Several notices of this family will occur under the will of Elizabeth del Hay, in 1434.

bethæ uxori meæ tres equos meos optimos, mortuario meo excepto. Willelmo Bowes * chr. unam peciam cum coopertorio argenti, et Percyvell Cresacre unam peciam argenti. Residuum executoribus meis, quos constituo Elizabetham uxorem meam, Robertum del Hay filium meum, et Willelmum de Wetwange servientem meum. Datum apud Spaldyngton. [*Pr.* 11 *April*, 1431.]

X. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI STOWE SENIORIS DE RIPONIA.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 14 Aug. 1430. Ego Willelmus Stowe † de Ripon senior.—sep. ubicumque Deus disposuerit—Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Ripon iij s. iiij d. Item pro decimis oblitis xl d. Willelmo Fencotes unam zonam de rubeo in parte argentatam et unum loculum. Item Magistro Thomæ Clyveland unum equum album sive dappeldgray, qui est in custodia Ricardi Garthorne de Scoreburgh. Item lego eidem Ricardo pro custodia ejusdem equi unam togam stragulatam partiter penulatam cum nigro. Item lego Willelmo filio meo unam sisternam plumbeam, unum brewlede, unum maskfatt, unum troghe, unum gilefatt, et optimam ollam meam æneam cum optima patella, unam cistam de Flandria quæ stat in le chapell chaumbre. Item unum lectum rubeum, qui est apud Warkworth, cum duobus paribus linthiaminum ibidem. Item alium lectum de nigro et rubeo cum fethirbed et bolstyr, unum par linthiaminum et unum par de blanketts, duo pulvinaria apud Ripon existencia. Item lego Matildæ filiæ meæ unam togam quondam matris suæ penulatam cum pellura. Item unam sellam, duas cistas de pruse, Anglice pruse coferys. Item unum lectum de blodio, quem habeo apud Eboracum, cum tribus curtinis et aliis dicto lecto pertinentiis. Item unam equam donned cum pullo suo. Item lego eidem unum fethirbed cum le bolstyre; item unum corse de cerico. Item lego Henrico Mauncell unum baslard argenti; item quinque virgas de panno viridi; item unam furruram de fychesse et de

* Sir William Bowes of Streatlam, in the Bishopric of Durham, who married Joan, daughter of Ralph Lord Graystock. She died in the first year of their marriage; "thereon he toke moche thoght, and passed into France," where he fought long and gallantly among the chivalry of England, under the Duke of Bedford. He was but a boy himself when he married the youthful daughter of the house of Graystock; but neither lapse of time, nor change of scene, could banish from his recollection the memory of the bride whom he had lost, and the halls of Streatlam never saw a second mistress. He died at a great old age, full of years and honours.

† Son of John de Stowe of Ripon, whose will (dated in 1390) has been published in the first volume of the York Wills. The testator was a retainer in the household of the Earl of Northumberland, and his will, enumerating his curious and scattered goods and chattels, proves that he held some high office in that illustrious family. He had probably witnessed many a Border fray during his sojourn in Northumberland, and had often followed in the wake of the silver crescent.

laneo; item unam loricam de Milan apud Rypon. Item lego unam furruram, quæ est in toga mea de veteri sangwyne. Item lego domino Henrico Coke capellano de Rypon unam togam viridem penulatam apud Rypon. Item lego domino Petro Harman capellano iij s. iiij d. Item lego Roberto Taverner de Ripon unam bursam cum annulo aureo. Item Priorissæ de Monnkton unum parvum Psalterium. Item lego Ricardo Sadeler unam togam stragulatam furratam cum fox. Item Aliciæ uxori ejusdem unum capucium de scarleto quondam uxoris meæ. Item lego Johanni Byrdsall de Ebor. unam togam de ray penulatam cum nigro. Item Johanni fratri ejusdem unum dublett defensorium, apud Ripon, et unam loricam apud Werkesworth, et unum stele hat. Item lego Johannæ sorori ejusdem, in relevamen et subsidium suum ad maritagium, prout executoribus meis melius videbitur expedire. Item pro uno capellano, si comode fieri poterit, per unum annum ad celebrandum pro anima mea et omnium fidelium defunctorum apud Ripon. Item lego Johannæ Hovyngham sorori meæ unum bovem, qui est apud Byland, unam parvam zonam cum argento deaurato ornatam; item unum annulum aureum parvum cum uno parvo dyamant. Item lego domino meo Comiti Northumbriæ on tablet de evore, et dominæ meæ Comitissæ unum ramum de corall. Item lego Willelmo Harburn unam cistam et unam securim apud Werkworth. Item Johanni Folkton unum par precularium de lambre—uxori Willelmi Fencotys unam bursam. Item uxori Magistri Thomæ Cleveland unam bursam cum annulo aureo. Item lego liberaturam meam argenteam, Anglice cressaunt, et liberaturam meam, Anglice coller, ad feretrum Sancti Wilfridi. Item lego unum lace de cerico blodio ad summum altare Beati Wilfridi, dependendum ad pixidem Corporis Christi. Willelmo Huby servienti meo unum equum donned, qui est in Northumbria, unum dagar, x s. ad unam novam togam emendum. Ricardo Stowe gladium meum argento deauratum. Uxori domini Rogeri Ward unum speculum. Domino Thomæ Morton unum powder box de ligno. Uxori Johannis Merkyngfeld unum qwypp. Omnia terræ et tenementa mea in Stowcroft vulgariter nuncupato infra villam et dominium de Rypon Willelmo filio meo—rem. Matildæ filiæ meæ. [*Pr.* 21 *April*, 1431.]

XI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS MORTON DE EBOR. ARMIGERI.

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Johannes Morton,* armiger, in bona memoria existens, condo et

* A will of great interest and curiosity. Little or nothing is known of the testator; but we may be sure that he was a man of taste and learning. He was probably related

ordino testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo et Beatissimæ Mariæ Virgini et Matri ac omni Curiæ Celesti, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Sancti Michaelis de Berefrido Ebor., secundum disposicionem et ordinacionem rectoris ejusdem ac executorum meorum. Item volo quod duo cerei ponantur super corpus meum tempore exequiarum. Item quod uterque cereus sit de pondere x lb. ceræ. Item volo quod comburantur circa corpus meum sex torches de pura cera, ita quod quælibet torch sit de pondere xv lb. ceræ, quarum volo et ordino quod duo torches remaneant summo altari ecclesiæ Sancti Michaelis predictæ. Item sex pauperibus portantibus sex torches predictas, cuilibet unam togam de nigro panno cum capucio. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis xx s. Item lego domino Roberto Semer, rectori ecclesiæ parochialis Sancti Michaelis predicti, unum librum de Latino, vocatum Policronica, ex compilacione Fratris Ranulphi Monachi Cestriæ, et vj s. viij d. pro sepultura mea in dicta ecclesia habenda. Item lego capellano parochiali ejusdem ecclesiæ iij s. iiij d. Et cuilibet aliorum capellanorum continue ibidem celebrancium xx d. Item clerico parochiali ejusdem xij d. et subclerico vj d. Item lego Abbati de Jerovall xiij s. iiij d. Et cuilibet monacho ejusdem conventus ij s. ad bursam suam propriam. Item lego reverendissimæ dominæ Johannæ Comitissæ Westmerland* unum librum de Anglico, vocatum Gower, pro remembrancia. Item lego Magistro Johanni Carlton† Canonico Ecclesiæ Cathedralis

to Thomas Morton, prebendary of North Newbald, in the Church of York, who died in 1449, and a member of the great family of Morton of Bawtry.

* Joan, daughter of John of Gaunt, and widow of Ralph Earl of Westmerland. She was probably residing in her widowhood at the castle of Sheriffhutton. If this were the case, the legacy of "Gower" is an interesting one, as that poet is said to have been born at Stittenham, which is in the parish of Sheriffhutton. At all events, the poetry which has enrolled Gower among the first of our early English poets could not have been written a long time before the date of this will, and few manuscript copies of his works could at that time be in existence. The fact, therefore, of a York gentleman bequeathing the book at so early a date to the owner of the castle of Sheriffhutton may perhaps be brought forward to confirm the tradition that Gower was connected with the ancient family of that name which was then seated at Stittenham.

† John Carlton, or Charlton, probably a Westmerland man by birth, was prebendary of Riccall, in the Church of York. His curious will is dated July 18, 1436. He orders himself to be buried before the high altar in the choir of his church at Riccall, with a marble-stone inscribed with a legend, "ut est moris." He likewise desires that his funeral be celebrated, "sine aliquali serie candelarum, Anglice herce, et sine pompa vel elacione." To the Paternoster gild in York, 13*s.* 4*d.* To my m^r^ Mr. Robert Gilbert, dean of York, a gilt cup covered like a chalice, with an image of the Virgin on the base, "de qua præ cæteris potare consueveram et dilectabar, ut intuitu ejusdem munusculi mei dignetur memorari." To master Thomas Wilton, doctor in medicine, for his labour betowed upon me gratuitously, my bible, which he has in his hands, and the best zone of two which I commonly used. To Elen Pykeryng a board or tabernacle for the altar, having on it the image of the blessed Virgin Mary, "de lambre;" to John Carleton, doctor of laws, the costers for my chapel in York, one vestment of "burd alisaunder," "unum osculatorium, Anglice paxbreyde," &c.

Beati Petri Eboracensis unum ciphum argenti coopertum, quem nuper habui ex legato Johannis Petyclerk.* Item lego Elenæ de Pykeryng† unum nigrum nott coopertum et deauratum cum una aquila in summitate cooperculi. Item lego Christoforo Boynton unam pipam vini rubii. Item lego pro expensis meis funeralibus honeste fiendis x li. sterlingorum. Item lego Roberto Gaytenby, consanguineo meo, unum collok pece argenti cum scriptura in cooperculo **A. B. C.**, et decem marcas argenti. Item lego Thomæ Yonge servienti meo unum chales copp argenti et deaurati ad modum unius gripe egg cum scriptura in cooperculo **Benedictus Deus**, etc., et decem marcas argenti. Item lego Johanni Charleton armigero unum flatt pece planum cum scriptura in cooperculo **Jhc Nazarenus**, etc. Item lego Margaretæ uxori suæ unum flatt pece cum scriptura in cooperculo **Drynk and fyll yytt**, etc. Item lego Willelmo Alne unum ciphum planum de argento cum uno wreth in cooperculo. Item lego Johanni fratri suo unum librum scriptum manu sua propria de Gestis Romanorum, et unum firmaculum auri. Item lego Roberto Mersk servienti meo unum equum album cum sella et freno, unam togam et unum dublet et xx s. Item lego Johanni Cook unam ollam æneam, unam patellam, unam duodenam parapsidum et unam duodenam discorum de pewter, et xl s. Johanni Somersete xiij s. iiij d. Residuum executoribus meis, quos constituo Magistrum Johannem Carleton, Christoforum Boynton, Robertum Gaytenby, Thomam Yonge et Willelmum Alne—et Magistrum Ricardum Arnall‡ clericum supervisorem. [*Pr.* 5 *Oct.* 1431.]

* Citizen and vintner of York. By his will, dated 17 May, and proved 21 July, 1426, he leaves to Simon Sprotley a goblet of silver gilt. To Mr. John Carleton, clerk, junior, a psalter and a pair of knives adorned with silver. To Margaret his daughter, a zone adorned with silver, another zone broken, and a ring of gold with one unicorn. To Richard Wandesford, his wife's son, his best zone adorned with silver, my dagger and my primer. To Mr. John Carleton, senior, a silver piece with a cover gilt with one rose. To John Morton a piece of silver, after the fashion "de buttercoppes," and gilt at either end.

† In 1436, John Carleton, canon of York, leaves her "unum puff argenti pro aqua rosarum spargenda." He also mentions Mary, the wife of James Pickering, and Margaret her daughter, his god-daughter. James Pickering, Esq. is one of his executors.

‡ Richard Arnall, successively prebendary of Barnby and Langtoft, in the Church of York. He also held the office of Sub-dean from 1409 until he died. He was at the same time an official in the court at York, and held the office of auditor to the Dean and Chapter. At the visitation of the Chapter, in the year 1440, the Commissioners reported that he was unable to perform the duties of the last-mentioned office, and that he overlooked many faults and errors in the various officers in the Church. He died on the 9th of June, 1441, and was buried in the Minster. His will is dated in the same year.

XII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS ESYNGWALD, CIVIS ET MONYMAKERR EBOR.

Nov. 15, 1431. Ego Johannes Esyngwald* de Eboraco, monymakerr—sep. in ecclesia Cathedrali Beati Petri Eboracensis coram magno crucifixo—Domino Roberto Semerr, rectori ecclesiæ meæ parochialis Sancti Michaelis de Berefrido, pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis, xx s. Lego inter Magistrum meum, Commissarium Curiæ Eboracensis, et ceteros socios Consistorii, ad unum jantaculum xiij s. iiij d. Agneti Beverlay filiæ meæ xl s. Johanni Beverlay omnia instrumenta et necessaria shopæ meæ ad le meltynghouse et ad countor meum spectantia, et togam meam bipartitam de albo et viridi. Thomæ filio meo quinque marcas argenti et alias quinque marcas in utensilibus et denariatis† et unam togam viridem.

XIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI ROBERTI HYLTON DOMINI DE SWYNE, MILITIS.

Die Mercurii in vigilia Concepcionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis 1429. Ego Robertus Hilton‡ miles, dominus de Swyne in Holdernes, videns me infra breve temporis spacium ab hoc sæculo transiturum—sep. in australi parte cancelli ecclesiæ parochialis Beatæ Mariæ de Swyne, cum meliori cursario meo cum sibi per-

* A monyer in the celebrated mint at York. The Archbishop's mint was always of considerable importance ; and it is much to be regretted that we possess no regular treatise upon the coinage of this and other episcopal cities. With the exception of a few scanty documents in Drake's Eboracum, and some scattered and meagre notices in our public records, we have no printed evidences which throw any light upon the history of the Archiepiscopal mint at York—a mint which dates from the very earliest times. John Beverley, who appears to have been the son-in-law of the testator, inherited his office ; and his will occurs hereafter.

† Pennyworth. In denariis et denariatis may be rendered by the ordinary phrase, " in penny and pennyworth."

‡ The head of the younger branch of the great family of Hilton of Hilton, which was seated at Swine, in Holderness, a branch hardly less powerful and magnificent than the stately tree from which it sprang. The testator dying without male issue, the heirship general of his family vested in his two daughters and coheirs, of whom some notice will be found appended to the will of his wife, the Lady Joan, which occurs hereafter. Sir Robert's brother, Sir Godfrey Hilton, Knight, married a lady who eventually became the heiress of the rich family of Lutterel, in Lincolnshire; but this line also, in a couple of descents, ran into female representation. A most interesting account of the Hilton Chapel, in Swine Church, which is now, unhappily, in a most dilapidated condition, and of the rich tombs with which it was formerly crowded, will be found in Poulson's History of Holderness. From their position, and Lady Joan's desire to be buried " infra hostium chori ex parte boriali," it may be inferred that the *cancellum* which Sir Robert mentions is his own family choir, screened as it was from the remainder of the church.

tinentibus et adjacentibus, secundum laudabilem consuetudinem progenitorum meorum, nomine mortuarii mei. Priorissæ et Conventui Monasterii de Swyne, ad orandum pro me et omnibus fidelibus vivis et defunctis, x marcas. Item lego lj li. quinque presbiteris pro me divina per quinque annos celebraturis. Item lego xx li. pauperibus distribuendas, videlicet, cuilibet pauperi vj d. Item cuilibet generoso michi servienti xl s. Cuilibet valecto xx s. et cuilibet garcioni xiij s. iiij d. Johanni Wale clerico xx marcas. Item do cuilibet homini, qui vel quæ jam fuerit tenens meus, dimidium firmæ suæ annualis. Item volo quod spyye plate vendatur et detur pauperibus ad orandum pro me et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. Residuum do et lego Johannæ uxori meæ, quam ordino executricem meam principalem, magistrum Ricardum Hide rectorem de Wystede, dominum Johannem Robynson vicarium de Swyne, et dominum Willelmum Wann executores. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Eboracensis xx s. [*Pr.* 22 *Dec.* 1431.]

XIV. TESTAMENTUM NICHOLAI BLAKBURN SENIORIS CIVIS ET MERCATORIS EBOR.

Feb. 20, 1431-2. Ego Nicholaus Blakburn* senior, civis et mercator Eboracensis—sep. in ecclesia Cathedrali Beati Petri Eboracensis, in australi parte, coram ymagine Dominæ nostræ

* Nicholas Blackburn senior, citizen of York, one of the wealthiest, and certainly the most munificent, of the merchants of that great commercial city. I am induced to think that he was a Lancashire man by birth, and that he resided for some length of time at Richmond before he settled in York. His arrival at York was the origin of his rapid increase in wealth and influence, an increase corresponding in size and strength to the flow of that fair river, the downward course of which he had been following. We find him holding the office of Lord Mayor of York in 1413 and 1429. He died in the beginning of the year 1432, and was buried in the cathedral church, on the south side, under a marble stone which he had previously prepared. Drake, in his list of the monuments in that once gorgeous temple, does not mention the tomb of the testator. In a window on the north side of the choir of All Saints, North-street, were the pictures of Blackburn and his wife in the attitude of prayer, with various inscriptions.

The name of Blackburn's wife has not been ascertained, but her most interesting will occurs after a lapse of a few years. He appears to have had by her three sons and two daughters. John, who died before him childless, Nicholas, who left a large family, and William. Of his two daughters, Isabella became the wife of Brian Sandford, of Thorp Salvin, Esq., and Alice married John Bolton, a citizen of York. Some further notices of each of these children and their families are appended to the present will. It is not improbable that the Blackburns returned into Richmondshire soon after the death of the present testator, as they disappear altogether from the municipal annals of York, and a respectable family of that name occurs shortly afterwards in the vicinity of Richmond.

Few men have made a more pious or more charitable use of their wealth than Blackburn. He founded a chantry in the chapel of St. Anne in Fossegate, York, and he was probably connected with, if he was not the founder of, four others in York, of which, as he tells us in his will, he was the patron. He leaves the munificent sum of

ibidem, sub lapide meo marmorio ad hoc in eodem loco preparato. —Briano Sandford* armigero et Isabellæ uxori suæ, filiæ meæ, omnes donaciones collaciones et presentaciones quatuor cantariarum, quas habeo in civitate Ebor., quarum una est in capella Sancti Willelmi super Pontem Use in Eboraco, alia vero in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Evangelistæ ad finem pontis Use predicti, et duæ earundem cantariarum sunt in ecclesia Sancti Martini in Mykelgate in Eboraco. —Filiis et filiabus dictorum Briani et Isabellæ centum marcas.— Margaretæ uxori meæ totum capitale mesuagium meum in Northstrete, &c. ad terminum vitæ suæ, et post decessum suum Nicholao Blakburn,† filio meo, ad terminum vitæ suæ, et post decessum Christoforo Blakburn filio suo—deinde Agneti Blakburn sorori suæ—deinde Aliciæ Blakburn sorori suæ. — Domino Roberto Semerr, aliter vocato domino Roberto de Revestre, quinque marcas.—Nicholao Wyspyngton et Willelmo Blakburn filio meo totum illud debitum quod Cowpyn cowperr de Aldwark et Johannes Cotell de eadem michi debent.—Aliciæ Bolton filiæ meæ uxori Johannis Bolton,‡ et Margaretæ, Johannæ, Agneti, Isabellæ, et Elenæ, filiabus suis, centum marcas.—Lego ad taxacionem, quæ concessa est domino nostro regi, solvendam nunc ad festum Paschæ proximum futurum, in laudem et honorem gloriosissimæ resurreccionis domini nostri Jhesu Christi, in auxilium et levamen tocius communitatis civium civitatis Ebor. xl s. Lego ad festum Paschæ pro anima mea, &c., in focali et pannis lineis et laneis, caligis et sotularibus dandis pauperibus hominibus et mulieribus, &c., c li. Lego eisdem ad festum Omnium Sanctorum, c li. Lego eisdem ad purificacionem Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, lx li. Lego ad distribuendum pauperibus hominibus villæ de Richemond, ad solucionem taxacionis suæ domino nostro regi concessæ, solvendam nunc ad festum Paschæ, ac eciam ad fabricam ecclesiæ suæ parochialis ibidem, x li. Johanni Walton de

260*l.* to be laid out in firewood, clothes, linen, and woollen, and boots and shoes, for the use of the poor of York. He gives 10*l.* also to the use of the poor people, and of the church at Richmond ; and, finally, he makes a most noble and unlimited bequest for the maintenance of four of the chief bridges in the north of England, a bequest in which all had a common benefit, and which all could not fail to appreciate.

* Of Thorpe Salvin, Esq. The family of Sandford ended during the reign of Elizabeth, in the three daughters and coheirs of Hercy Sandford, Esq. For these I must refer my readers to the History of South Yorkshire, i. 310. Brian Sandford was probably the first of his name who came from Westmerland into Yorkshire. This change of residence was in all probability caused by his marriage.

† Nicholas Blackburn was an alderman, citizen, and merchant of York. He was also sheriff for that city in 1438. In his will, dated 7th Feb. 1447-8, he desires to be buried in the church of All Saints, North-street. Margaret, his wife, is the only relative he mentions.

‡ Citizen and merchant of York. Sheriff in 1420, and mayor in 1431, and M.P. for the city in the 6th and 7th Henry VI. In his will, dated on the 10th, and proved on the 16th of August, 1445, he desires to be buried in St. Saviour's, York. He leaves all his effects to Alice his wife, and his unmarried sons and daughters.

Richemond, mercer, vli. quas Willelmus Bedford, receptor domini mei Ducis Bedfordiæ, habet in manu sua de feodo meo. Lego executoribus meis reversionem omnium tenementorum in lez Flesshamelles, aliter dictis Nedellergate, in Eboraco, post mortem Johannæ * Blakburn nuper uxoris Johannis Blakburn † filii mei, ad vendendum et moneta inde recepta ad disponendum ad laudem Dei et genetricis suæ et in piis operibus.—Executores meos constituo Margaretam uxorem meam, magistrum Johannem Carleton Canonicum Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis, Ricardum Russell, Willelmum Ormesheued,‡ Johannem Aldstanemore,§ Nicholaum Blakburn filium meum, Johannem Bolton cives et mercatores Ebor. et Willelmum Revetor ‖ capellanum, et lego cuilibet eorum x li. Datum Ebor.

Codicillus.—In Dei nomine, Amen. I Nicholas Blakburn, elder, citizeen and marchaund of York, besekes Almyghty Godd, als any erthly man kan or may, in saule and mynde, to graunt me myght and grace so to dyspose and ordeyne with the resideu of ye gudes y^t^ he has gyffen me here in y^is^ werlde, yat it may be pleasanns and lovyng to hym soveranly, and his blissed moder Saynt Mary, and hir blissed moder Sancte Anne, and all y^e^

* By her will, dated at York 1st August, 1446, she directs her body to be buried in the choir of All Saints, Peaseholme. To Sir Thomas Berwyk she leaves her best maser, with the image of the Holy Trinity. To her maid Joan Gray she bequeaths her primer, a St. John's head with all its appendages. To Sissote her maid she leaves "unum febill kirtill et unam togam lynett cum bukasyn." To Joan Bowes a pair of beads of coral and jet.

† John Blackburn, the testator's son, was a citizen and merchant of York, and was M.P. for the city 5th Henry V. His will was made on the Festival of St. Martin, in the winter 1426, and was proved on the 17th of March following. He desires to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary in Castlegate, near his wife Catherine and his boys. He appoints Joan his wife, Nicholas Blackburn, and John Bolton, his brothers, his executors. To his brother Nicholas he leaves his sword, and to his brother-in-law, John Bolton, he bequeaths "catastam suam depictatam." The inscription on the monument, which was erected in the memory of him and of his first wife in the chancel of St. Mary's, Castlegate, is recorded by Drake.

‡ Citizen and alderman of York. Sheriff 1415, mayor in 1425 and 1433, M.P. for the city, 9th Henry V., 4th and 9th Henry VI. By his will, dated Oct. 31st, 1435, he directs his body to be buried in the church of the Holy Trinity in Curia Regis, before the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary, near the body of Joan his wife. He leaves to each of the unmarried children of Nicholas Blakburn, alderman of York, and of John and Alice Bolton, his cousins, 20*s*. By codicil, dated Sept. 16th, 1437, he leaves to Nicholas Blakburn, alderman of York, a zone adorned with silver, with a scripture in English. To Thomas Gare, alderman, a zone, worked with eight bars of silver enamelled. To John Karr, his son, a zone, and a baslard adorned with silver. To Nicholas Wyspyngton, alderman, a sword, with the pomel and hilt adorned with silver. To Thomas Karr, junior, a smaller baslard adorned with silver. To Nicholas, son of Nicholas Wyspyngton, a dagger, with a bandle of horn adorned with silver. To John Fell, his cousin, a zone of black "tusshewe," adorned with certain round bars of silver, with a dagger.

§ A citizen and merchant of York. Sheriff for the city in 1422, mayor in 1427, and M.P. in the 3rd and 7th of Henry VI.

‖ His interesting will occurs hereafter.

Halowes in heven, and help and releve unto ye heel of my saule and Margrete my wyffe, our faders and our moders, our brethir and our sisters, our childer and all our frendes, and all ye saules of yam, yat I have hadd of any thyng in yis werld undeserved, and all Crysten saules. In primis I wyll and I ordeyne yat if any chaunce or defaute in werkemanshyp fall, als God forebede yat it do, unto Catryk* brigg, Kexby brigg, Thornton brigg, or Skete brygg, wyth in iiij^or^. ȝere next folowyng my decesse, myne executours to sewe yaim yat be reconysannee er bon for to uphold yaim ; and if yai yat er bon do yair myght and power gudely to amend ye defawtes in ye said brigges, als ferr als yair gudes wyll extendd rather or ye brygges forsayde falle, I wyll y^t^ myne executors of Goddes gudes and myne by yair beste avyse and counseyll, y^t^ yai kan gett unto yaim, mende ye fautes, y^t^ ye brigges beforsayde go noght doune on none wyse, wyth Goddes grace. Item I wyll yat Margrete, my wyfe, wyth outen y^t^ I have avysed hyr in my testament, have for to fynde hyrre of a gentele woman lyfelade, whyls she lyffes, for hyr and a preste and a servand. Item I wyll y^t^ myne executours send for Sir Gilberd Gyghlay, knyght,† for to be at myne enterynge; and for his gude labor I wyll he have

* This is a valuable addition to the information which we possess about the old bridge of Catterick, on one of the principal thoroughfares in the north of England. The contract for the rebuilding of the old bridge in 1421 is in the possession of Sir William Lawson, of Brough, and has been printed in the proceedings of the Archæological Institute. In that document the name of Nicholas Blackburn appears at the head of the contracting parties, and it is stated that the proposed work was to be completed in three years. Whether this contract was acted upon or not I cannot ascertain ; but it seems probable that, at the date of the present will, the work had either not been executed at all, or left incomplete, probably from want of funds. Margaret Blackburn, the widow of the testator, who died in 1435, mentions her husband's bequest towards Catterick Bridge, and sets apart the specific sum of 100*l.* for the fulfilment of it. Finally, on the 9th of June, 1446, the Archbishop of York grants an indulgence of 100 days "ad reparacionem seu novam constructionem pontis de Catrik ultra aquam de Swale." I am inclined to think that the original contract had not been completed. If the new bridge, which is generally supposed to have been built in 1421, had been carried away by some flood, it is probable, I think, that this circumstance would have been alluded to in the indulgence. Kexby and Thornton bridges were situated upon two most important thoroughfares, and crossed the Derwent and the Swale respectively. Kexby Bridge received 100*l.* out of the testator's bequest, as specified in the will of his widow. Sketebridge, or Skipbridge, crosses the Nid about eight miles distance from York. The causeway from the bridge towards Hessay Moor is three miles in length ; and Leland says of it in his Itinerary, "The causeway by Skypbridge towards Yorke hathe nineteen small bridges in it, for avoiding and overpassinge carres cumming out of the mores therby. One Blackburn, who was twys mair of Yorke, made this cawsey; and another without the suburb of Yorke."

† A member of the very respectable and ancient family of Kighley. By will, dated on the 9th of June, and proved on the 16th of October, 1432, Gilbert Kighley, of Cawod, knight, directs his body to be buried in the church of St. Andrew at Kighlay. To Thomas, his son, he leaves all his ordinary apparel, with two swords. The rest of his goods he leaves to his executors, John Paslewe, Hugh Kyghley, Walter Coupland, vicar of Stillingflete, John Wilde, and John Nornand. Sir John Kighley, knight, his brother, is the supervisor.

a pipe of wyne or els ye valewe. Item I wyte unto Crystofore Blakburn, and Agnes and Alyson, hys systers, to yair mariage, and yai will thryve, xl li. And to Nicholas Blakburn, my son, for to spend on his three sonnes, yat es to say, Robert, Thomas, and Henry, and yai will be fals to fynde yaim wyth bonn by ye wall, whyls it wyll last, xl li. Item I wyte to Sir Nicholl Clyffe* preest, xl s. And to Kendall wyfe, lyttester, xxvj s. viij d. Item I wyte unto Nicholl my son servandes, yt es to say, John, Richard, and Isabel, to ilkone of yaim xx s. Item unto Sir John Chalkar, preeste, xl s. Item unto Agnes Salkan xl s. Item to Symkyn and Watkyn and Alison Meyke, servandes of John of Bolton, to ilk one of yaim xxvj s. viij d. Item to ye norciys of ye sayde John Bolton, xx s. Item to Margarete Horsley xx s. Item to Syssote my servand, and sho byde wyth me still after hyr terme day, I wyll sho have hyr hyre and xx s. Item to Alyson of ye kychyn vj s. viij d. Item I wyte unto Alison Strynger, my cosyn, dwellyng in Blakburn paryssh, c s. Item to Richard Stowe, vyntner, xxvj s. viij d. Item I wyte unto my chauntry in ye chapell of Sancte Anne opon Fossebrigg in York my beste vestment, my best Missall, and my best chaleys, evermore for to serve to yat same chauntry. Item I wyte unto Wylliam Glover xx s. Item unto Alyson Walkerr my sister c s. Item I wyte unto John Robynson some tyme my servand xx s. Item I wyte unto William Revetor, preest, for hys gude labor yat he has done and bus (*sic*) do aboute me (*blank*). [*Pr.* 10 *April*, 1432.]

XV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WILYNGLAY DE TYKHYLL.

March 9. 6 Henry VI. Ego Johannes Wyllynglay † proponens transmeare, et certas peregrinaciones cum gratia divina visitare, et gressus meos dirigere, condo etc. [*Pr.* 14 *May*, 1432.]

* Nicholas Clyff, of York, chaplain, by his will, dated 3rd Sept. 1456, desires to be buried in the church of All Saints, North-street. He leaves a vestment of red silk, pictured with stars, to the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary in the chapel of St. William, upon Ouse Bridge ; and to the same altar he gives another black vestment, and another vestment damaged "cum orphrais nigris." To Isabella his servant he leaves a zone of black silk adorned with silver ; and to the church of All Saints his Antiphonar. [*Prob.* 7 *Sept.* 1456.]

† An inhabitant of Tickhill, who tells us that he is about to become a pilgrim to foreign lands. He makes his will before he leaves his native village, to which, in all probability, he never returned. Pilgrimages were now of ordinary occurrence, and they are more than once mentioned in the present volume. In 1435, John Waynflete, vicar of Darthington, leaves all his goods to be spent "pro salute animæ meæ et omnium benefactorum meorum ad Sanctam Terram, Anglicè, ye Haly Land."

XVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI HENRICI WARTRE, DE SCARDBURGH CAPELLANI.

In ye name of Godd, I Henry Wartre,* preste, xxv. day of Aprell, y^e ȝere of oure Lorde Criste M^l cccc^mo xxxij. makes my testament in yis maner. First, I wyte my saule to Jhesu and to oure Lady Sancte Mary, and all blissedd company of heven; and my body to be beryedd whare Godd will dispose for me, if I do noght. Also in wax to be brent about me ij. sereges. Also I wite to ilka preste at my messe and at my dirige beyng, iiij d. Item I wite to Sancte Petre werke of Yorke vj s. viij d. Also I wyte to Annas Drynge a rede docer w^t a banquere, and all ye whisshyns. Item to ye forsaynde Annas I (wyte a) rede coverlett, with ye tapett of ye same. Item to ye same Annas j. gowne. Item to Annas Weston j. matres y^t I lige on. Item to Alice Page j. litell kyste. Item to Richard Drynge j. lange kyste y^t standes in Sir John Pratt chaumbre. Item to Alice Page j. met bord w^t j. pare trystes. Item to my sister j. gowne. Item to ye Goddes house in Paradise a rough felt, and y^t to be in kepyng of Agnes Weston whilles y^t she liffes to lay on ye pore folke y^t hafe mystre in ye wynter. Item to Agnes Drynge j. pare shetes. Isabelle Wardell and William Spicer I make myn executors. Wittnes Sir John Pratt, notary. [*Pr.* 12 *Sep.* 1432.]

XVII. ISABELLA NUPER UXOR ALANI HAMERTON CIVIS EBOR.

May 15, 1432. Isabella nuper uxor Alani Hamerton,† quondam civis et mercatoris Ebor.—Sep. infra ecclesiam parochialem Sancti Petri Eboracensis, juxta vel infra sepulcrum predicti Alani mariti mei, si contigerit me obire infra civitatem Ebor. Capellano parochiali ad orandum pro anima mea, animabus mariti mei et Johannis filii mei, iiij d. Lego ad comodum Abbathiæ Sancti Germani de Selby unum craterem argenti coopertum cum leonibus in pedibus, septem crateres planos non coopertos de argento, duo salsaria argenti, pro sale, unam pixidem argenti pro pulvere, et unum doss.

* An interesting specimen of the English of the day, and the composition, without doubt, of the testator himself.

† A wealthy and pious citizen of York. By his will, dated 16 Feb. 1405-6, he directed his body to be buried in the church of St. Peter the Little. To Richard Gunays, his servant, he leaves a dagger and a baslard, fitted (paratum) with silver, and one zone, fitted with silver. To Mr. John de Appleton, a clerk of Oxford, one little baslard, fitted with silver, and his zone, gilt, with the letters CC. To John, his son, his best zone, with silver, with the letters AA. To Sir Peter de Rouclyff, 100 s. [*Pr.* 27 *Feb. seq.*] He founded two chantries in York; one in the chapel of St. Ann, in Walmgate, and the other in the church of All Saints, in North Street.

cocliarium argenti. Et lego ad dividendum inter Abbatem et Conventum predictæ Abbathiæ c s. ad orandum pro anima mea et animabus supradictis. Et lego dompno Petro Rouclyffe, monacho ejusdem Abbatiæ, optimum meum annulum aureum et unam Veronicam Romæ. Et dompno Thomæ Crull, monacho ejusdem Abbathiæ, unum parvum planum annulum aureum, et unum par tabellarum de yvore. Et lego dominæ Christianæ Pountefreyt unum parvum annulum aureum cum uno parvo lapide impresso. Agneti Munkegate optimum meum par precularium de nigro gete et tria flammeola de filo. Willelmo Sygraa, marito Agnetis sororis meæ, unum coclear argenti cum nomine Jhesu in dorso. Agneti sorori meæ unum coverlecte rubeum, unum cofre pruce, optimum meum par precularium de argento et unum Agnus Dei deauratum. Roberto Wystowe, marito Elenæ sororis meæ, unum cocliar argenti falden. Elenæ sorori meæ unum par precularium argenti et optimum meum crucifixum argenti deauratum. Dompno Willelmo, filio ejus, monacho in Fontaunce, minimum meum ciphum murreum ligatum cum argento, et unum parvum par precularium argenti cum uno crucifixo annexo. Willelmo fratri meo unum lavacrum cum le synkestane, unam latone pelvim. Elenæ uxori suæ unam albam pelliciam et duas plytes de wolas. Ricardo Gunnas spicer Ebor. unum par furcarum pro dependencia ollarum in lez rakkes et cruks, unum instrumentum ferreum in camino aulæ, vocatum balk, dimidium chaldre carbonum marinorum, di. hascelwodd, vel valorem, etc. Domino Johanni Branthwate capellano duos chafours, unum pro mensa, et alterum pro camino, unum morter eneum cum pestello ferreo, unum sarss pro pulvere, et unum lapidem alabastri, secundum formam capitis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ. [*Pr.* 2 *Jan.* 1432-3.]

XVIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNÆ NUPER UXORIS DOMINI ROBERTI HILTON NUPER DE SWYNE MILITIS DEFUNCTI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Johanna,* nuper uxor Roberti Hilton de Swyne militis, compos mentis et in fide catholica existens, octavo die Augusti, Anno Domini 1432, condo testa-

* The widow of Sir Robert Hilton, knight, whose will has already been given. She appears to have been the daughter of Sir Robert, and the sister of Sir Marmaduke Constable, of Flambrough, who married Catherine, daughter of Sir Robert Cumberworth, of Lincolnshire, and heiress of her brother, Sir Thomas Cumberworth. There is some doubt, in the Visitation of 1584, as to her maiden name, but this doubt is, I think, now removed. She could not be a Cumberworth, as her issue did not become heirs of that family. The testatrix did not long survive her husband, by whom she left two daughters and coheirs, both of them mentioned in the present will,—Isabel, who married into the family of Hildyard, and Elizabeth, who became the wife of Sir John Melton, knight.

mentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ Virgini et omnibus Sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia parochiali Beatæ Mariæ de Swyne predicta, infra hostium chori ex parte boriali. Item lego pro mortuario meo optimum averium meum vel xl s. Item lego pro expensis meis funeralibus in omnibus expensis vj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item lego in distribucione pauperum lxvj s. viij d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ predictæ villæ de Swyne xx s. Item lego cuilibet ordini fratrum Beverlaci et villæ Regiæ de Kyngeston super Hull vj s. viij d. Item lego Johanni Robynson, vicario ecclesiæ predictæ villæ de Swyne, ad ordinandum pro anima mea, xl s. Item lego filiæ meæ, cui contingat habere manerium de Swyne, unum lectum rubeum de cerico enbrowded. Item lego ali filiæ meæ unum lectum de blod de tapsewark. Item lego Priorissæ de Swyne vj s. viij d. Item lego cuilibet moniali predictæ domus iij s. iiij d. Item lego Priorissæ et Conventui de Killyng xl s. Item lego Elizabethæ filiæ meæ unam togam de blodio furratam. Item lego Katerinæ Comberworth,* sorori meæ, unum librum de Romanse incipientem cum Decem Preceptis Alembes. Item lego Johanni Constable † de Halseham unum lectum de cerico de colore rubeo cum uno pale de nigro, videlicet, unum coveryng, selour, unum testor, et tres qwyshyns. Item lego Margaretæ uxori ejus unam crucem de auro. Item lego Isabellæ et Elizabethæ filiabus meis medietatem mapparum, towels, sanapes et napkyns, quæ cotidie utuntur, omnibus aliis principalibus michi et executoribus meis reservatis. Item lego eisdem Isabellæ et Elizabethæ medietatem omnium vasorum meorum de pewter et messyng apud Swyne. Item lego eisdem Isabellæ et Elizabethæ medietatem omnium lectorum meorum superius et inferius non legatorum. Item lego Margaretæ, filiæ Roberti Constable fratris mei, xiij li. vj s. viij d. Item lego eidem Margaretæ unam togam de sangwyn furratam. Item lego eidem Margaretæ unum lectum de rubeo et nigro cum curtinis, unum matres, unum par linthiaminum, unum par blanketts, et unum canwas. Item lego eidem Margaretæ unum librum de Romanse de Septem Sages. Item lego Roberto Constable fratri meo, principali executori meo, lxvj s. viij d. Item lego Johanni Benyngton, uni alio executori meo, pro labore suo xl s. Item

* This lady was the daughter, and eventually (after the death of Thomas Cumberworth, her brother, who was living in 1441) the heiress, of Sir Robert Cumberworth, of Lincolnshire, by Sibel, daughter and coheir of Sir William Erghum. She became the wife of Sir Marmaduke Constable, of Flamburgh, and thus she was sister-in-law to the testatrix. After the death of her husband, in 1404, she appears to have resumed her maiden name. Other instances of this may be pointed out. Her legacy is an extremely interesting one.

† Sir John Constable, of Halsham, whose will occurs in 1449.

lego eidem Johanni unam togam de skarlett. Item lego Marionæ de Flete, uni executorum meorum, pro labore suo xl s. Item lego eidem Marjoriæ unum lectum de blod cum libardhedes, videlicet unum coopertorium, unam tapetem, unum selor cum duobus qwyrtyns de carde, unum matres, unum par linthiaminum. Item lego Thomæ Ryffyn xxvj s. viij d. Item lego eidem Thomæ unum coopertorium, unum tapetem cum rosis de nigro et albo, unum matres et unum par linthiaminum. Item lego Petro Coke xx s. Item lego Thomæ Olyverr vj s. viij d. Item lego Thomæ Synderby vj s. viij d. Item lego Thomæ Bell vj s. viij d. Item lego Ricardo Qwyntyn vj s. viij d. Item lego Aliciæ Colman vj s. viij d. Item lego Margaretæ Halseham vj s. viij d. Item lego Thomæ Aklyffe iij s. iiij d. Residuum executoribus meis ad disponendum pro anima mea et pro anima predicti Roberti Hilton, domini mei—Johannes Constable de Halseham supervisor. Datum apud Swyne. [*Prob.* 10 *Jan.* 1432-3.]

XIX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI CLYNT CIVIS ET BOWER EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. vij Ap., M.cccc.xxxiiij., Ego Ricardus Clynt, civis et bower Ebor.—Lego Johanni Webster et Willelmo Symson vestes meas usui meo aptatas* inter eos dividendas et eidem Willelmo Symson zonam meam de coreo. Thomæ filio meo j zonam de serico, j baslard, j daggarium argento paratum et meum optimum flote, optimum gravour. Willelmo Scott, servienti meo, j thik flote et j gravour. Roberto Heburn, servienti meo, j thyn flote and j gravour. [*Pr.* 20 *April seq.*]

XX. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI ADÆ WIGAN RECTORIS ECCLESIÆ SANCTI SALVATORIS EBOR.

April 20, 1433. Adam Wygan,† rector ecclesiæ parochialis Sancti Salvatoris Ebor.—sep. in cimiterio dictæ ecclesiæ vel alibi, ubi Deus disposuerit. Item lego pro duobus cereis, sive candelis, arsuris circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ, decem libras ceræ. Item lego dictæ ecclesiæ meæ unum Gradale. Item lego pro coopertura vestiarii et pro almariolo in dicto vestiario faciendo pro conservacione vestimentorum et librorum dictæ ecclesiæ, secundum informacionem executorum meorum, quinque marcas.

* Anglicè, shaping apparel. This was a common term in the Cumberland and Westmerland wills. The will contains other curious words.

† Master Wigan was Rector of St. Saviour's, York, for nearly 40 years. He had probably been educated at Balliol College, Oxford, to which society he bequeathed some of his books.

Item lego cuilibet capellano in dicta ecclesia indies celebranti ij s. exceptis quatuor capellanis qui mecum fuerent in mensa, quorum cuilibet lego iij s. iiij d. Item lego Willelmo clerico ij s. et Ricardo subclerico xij d. Item lego dompno Johanni de Wigane monacho unum Jannes de Sermonibus Dominicalibus et unum librum qui dicitur Stimulus Amoris, quem penes se habet. Item lego dompno Thomæ Lun monacho unum parvum librum continentem tres tractatus, videlicet, De Ligna, de Oculo Morali, et De Veneno. Item lego Magistro Ricardo Stapilton, Magistro sive Custodi in Collegio Aulæ Ballioli Universitatis Oxoniensis, Gregorium super Ezechielem, et volo quod idem Magister Ricardus habeat septem marcas ad celebrandum pro anima mea et pro animabus parentum, patronorum et omnium benefactorum meorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, per unum annum. Item lego domino Johanni, commoranti in capella Sancti Martini infra parochiam dictæ ecclesiæ meæ, iij s. iiij d. Item lego Johannæ Gaunte, alias dictæ Newlande,* optimam peciam meam de argento cum cooperculo ejusdem. Item lego Margaretæ Saltmarsh, filiæ ejusdem Johannæ, unum par precularium de geet cum gaudeis argenteis et deauratis cum uno broche de auro pendente ad easdem. Item lego Katerinæ Kyrkeby xiij s. iiij d., unum coverlect de stellis et chaplecte de rosis, et unam parvam pelvim cum lavacro, quæ omnia habui ex dono dictæ Katerinæ. Item lego Aliciæ, ancillæ dictæ Katerinæ, iij s. iiij d. Item lego cuilibet domui quatuor ordinum Fratrum Mendicantium vj s. viij d. Item lego cuilibet domui quatuor domorum leprosorum iij s. iiij d. Item lego incarceratis in Castello iij s. iiij d. Item lego incarceratis in carcere Episcopali iij s. iiij d. Item lego incarceratis in le Kydcote ij s. Item lego dominæ Agneti inclusæ apud ecclesiam parochialem de Thorgamby vj s. viij d. Item lego Anachoritæ de Beston iij s. iiij d. Item lego Anachoritæ inclusæ apud Pontemfractum ij s. Item lego Anachoritæ inclusæ in Fysshergate ij s. Item lego Anachoritæ inclusæ juxta ecclesiam Sanctæ Margaretæ ij s. Item lego Anachoritæ inclusæ in Northstrete juxta ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum ij s. Item lego decem marcas errogandas principaliter inter pauperes et magis indigentes in parochia mea et eciam inter paraliticos jacentes in Masendieu3, et alibi, secundum discrecionem executorum meorum.

* In her will, dated at Newland, July 6, 1433, and proved at York on the 28th of the same month, she styles herself Joan, widow of Wm. Newland, and she leaves for her mortuary her best cup of silver, covered and gilt. To the Vicar of Drax, 3*s.* 4*d.* To Thomas Saltmarsh, one pair of "andyrens," one mortar "de brasen." To Margaret Saltmarsh her daughter, her best bed. To Edward and Robert Saltmarsh, two salts of silver. To Margaret Saltmarsh, junior, a pair of beads of coral, with a gold ring. To Agnes Saltmarsh, a black zone, gilt, and a gold ring. To Catherine Hanserd, her second-best bed and a round chest. To Alice Ward, a

XXI. TESTAMENTUM GEORGII DARELL DE SESZAY.

Oct. 3, 1432. Georgius Darell* de Seszay—sep. in ecclesia conventuali Fratrum Minorum in civitate Ebor. Item lego optimum pannum meum cum capucio pro corpore meo talliato nomine mortuarii mei. Rectori de Seszay pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis vj s. viij d. Fabricæ Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beatæ Petri Eboracensis xx s. Item lego unam libram ceræ in iij. cereis conficiendis et circa corpus meum comburendis die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego pro expensis meis funeralibus faciendis xv s. Item lego fratribus predictis ad inveniendum quendam fratrem in ordine sacerdotali constitutum ad celebrandum in ecclesia conventuali predicta pro anima mea per unum annum integrum proxime sequentem post decessum meum, et ad faciendum quendam solempnem obitum pro anima mea in fine dicti anni, v marcas. Item lego cuilibet fratri dictæ domus interessenti ad exequias meas xij d. Et cuilibet alio juniori fratri non sacerdoti interessenti ad exequias meas vj d. Item lego summo altari dictorum fratrum iiij. qwysshyns de albo rubio et unum banquer ejusdem sectæ. Item do et lego eisdem fratribus, ad communem utilitatem ipsorum, unum lectum viridem cum tapete cum signis albis, unum coopertorium sive tapetem de rubio et viridi cum quibusdam animalibus vocatis Grifons, unum par blanketts, duo paria linthiaminum, duo curtyns de rubio, unum qwilt, et unum materas. Item lego eisdem fratribus dimidiam duodenam vasorum de pewter garenyst. Item lego Fratri Johanni Belasys, ordinis predicti, ad orandum pro anima mea vj s. viijd. Fratri Johanni Shirlowe, ordinis predicti, ad orandum pro anima mea vj s. viij d. cum uno pare de quartilletts. Item lego Edmundo Darell† militi unum librum Statutorum continentem statuta Regis Edwardi tercii, Regis Ricardi secundi et Regis Henrici quarti. Item lego Willelmo Barry filio meo unum librum legis vocatum Natura Brevium, unum Portus, unum

"crispe kercheffe." To Richard de Cawodd, canon, a pix of silver. To Catherine Hanserd, her best zone of green gilt. The rest to John Topcliffe, John Hogard, Wm. de Croull, and John Clayton, her executors.

* The family of Darell of Sessay was one of the most considerable of the Yorkshire houses. On the death of Sir Thomas Darell, who died childless in 1505, his great possessions passed to his sister Joan, the wife of Sir Guy Dawnay, of Cowick. In this ancient and illustrious family they still remain, and it is at present represented by the munificent Viscount Downe.

† The head of the house of Sessay. He married Isabella Etton, and his will, which is dated on the 6th of September, 1436, was proved at York, on the 5th of July, in the following year. In it he desires to be buried in the church of Sessay, and he appoints his wife Isabel and Sir Wm. Trafford, knight, his executors. The present bell at Sessay was given to the church by Sir Edmund and his wife.

Par Statutorum Veterum, unum basenett, cum una lorica, et uno gladio. Item lego Elenæ uxori predicti Willelmi Barry, filiæ meæ, et heredibus de corpore ipsius Elenæ legitime procreatis, unam peciam argenti coopertam cum armis meis tam in pecia quam in coopertorio ejusdem depictis, optimam mappam meam, duo manutergia de una secta, unam pelvim cum uno lavatorio, uno dorsorio cum armis meis. Item lego Thomæ Baxby unam zonam argenti cum scipis modo libræ aperte confectis (*sic*). Et lego eidem Thomæ secundam togam meam furruratam. Item lego Laurencio Baxby fratri suo terciam togam meam furruratam. Item lego Michaeli Baxby confratri suo quartam togam meam furruratam. Item lego Roberto Baxby, filio predicti Michaelis, quintam togam meam lined. Item lego Domino Nicholao fratri meo, Priori de Biland, ad orandam pro anima mea xx s. Item lego Petro Paton de Topcliffe et Johannæ uxori ejus x s. Item lego unam cathedram cum duobus scamnis cameræ Magistro Fratrum Minorum predictorum. Item lego Michaeli Baxby prædicto unum lectum de blod cum sqwirrelles cum tapete ejusdem sectæ. Item lego Johannæ filiæ Willelmi Barry predicti unam murram argenti paratam et deauratam. Item Hamundo Askham unum librum vocatum Mawndevile. Residuum executoribus meis, quos constituo Thomam Baxby, filium Johannis Baxby, et Laurencium Baxby fratrem suum.—Edmundus Darell miles dominus de Seszay supervisor. [*Pr.* 2 *July*, 1433.]

XXII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS RAVENTHORP, DE EBOR. CAPELLANI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 26 Jan. 1432. Ego dominus Johannes Raventhorpe,* sacerdos de capella Sancti Martini in Aldwerk, incertus de hora mortis meæ, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ et Omnibus Sanctis ; et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris nostri. Item lego quinque libras ceræ ad igniendum circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ, et in eadem ecclesia offerendum. Item lego optimum vestimentum meum ad summum altare dictæ ecclesiæ. Item lego Psalterium meum predictæ ecclesiæ ad chori servicium ibidem imperpetuum reservandum, cum Martilegio, et ymagine Pietatis de alabastro. Item lego ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in Marisco de Hundgate, et parochiæ ejusdem, scilicet Ricardo Russell et omnibus aliis

* The testator appears to have had an extensive collection of curiosities, and we are greatly indebted to him for the careful and admirable manner in which he details them. He makes an extremely sensible disposition of his property.

parochianis, presentibus seu futuris, magnum Portiforium meum cum duobus pannis sanctificatis et corporali et coopertorio ; ut ibi maneant ad altare Beatæ Mariæ ad servicium Omnipotentis Dei et matris ejus, et Sancti Johannis, eternitaliter. Item lego Thomæ Bracebrigg* calicem sanctificatam cum patena et cocliari eidem calici pertinente. Item lego eidem Thomæ tabulam depictam cum crucifixo, Beata Maria, et Sancto Johanne. Item lego eidem Thomæ duos pannos sanctificatos ad altare cum superaltari et corporali cum coopertorio. Item lego eidem Thomæ unum vestimentum cum angelis depictum et Missale. Post mortem predicti Thomæ, volo, quod dicta calix cum patena, cocliari et Missali remaneat dicto altari Beatæ Marie Virginis prefatæ ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis in Hundgate. Item lego Inetæ, uxori predicti Thomæ, ymaginem beatæ Annæ. Item lego aliud vestimentum cum altari ligneo prædictæ capellæ Sancti Martini in Aldwerk, si ad usum sacerdotalem steterit et duraverit; sin autem, maneat dictum vestimentum ad altare Beatæ Mariæ ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis in Hundgate præscriptæ. Item lego Johanni West Donatum cum Bibliotheca et Primario. Item lego domino Johanni Clerk† librum Evangeliorum et Sermonum cum armilansa mea et optima toga mea. Item lego arbis (*sic*) Fratribus, preciosum librum Grammaticæ secundum Alphabetum de Catholicon. Item lego Johanni Evenwodd clerico librum secundum Alphabetum de Hugucione. Item lego Manuale meum ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum in Fisshergate. Item lego domino Willelmo Shipton librum Lucidarium cum omnibus pertinentiis in eodem libro existentibus. Item lego Agneti de Celayne, servienti michi per multos annos, librum Angliæ de Fabulis et Narracionibus, et omnia utensilia et vasa lignea terrea et ænea et omnia quæ ad lectum pertinent, cum omnibus residuis vestibus et omnia ad ignem pertinentia, quæ in domo mea sunt, cum tabula depicta cum coronacione Beatæ Virginis Mariæ. Residuum vero bonorum meorum et librorum ex illis libris tractatis non legatorum, do et lego disposicioni executorum meorum, ut ipsi eos dividant devotis sacerdotibus et clericis secundum optimam disposicionem suam. [*Prob.* 27 *July*, 1433.]

* A York merchant, who was one of the sheriffs for the city in 1416 and Lord Mayor in 1424. His will is dated on September 4, 1436, and in it he desires to be buried in St. Saviour's church before the image of the crucifixion of our Lord. It contains many charitable bequests, and is of a considerable length.

† Chaplain of the chapel of St. Mary Magdalene, between Clifton and Boothom. His will, which has a curious inventory attached to it, occurs in 1451.

XXIII. TESTAMENTUM RADULPHI ADIRLEY DE COLWIK, ARMIGERI.

Feb. 2, 1429. Radulphus Adirlay de Colwik Nowers:* sep. infra cimiterium vel ecclesiam parochialem de Colwyk, circa parentes meos ibidem; uxor mea Elizabetha,† executrix.

Codicillus, 7 Feb. 1429. Alano de Cranwell capellano parvum Missale et alium librum quondam Johannis Frere infrascripti, cum Pety Caton et Graunt Catton, Equivox (*sic*), et cum diversis aliis scriptis. Item lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ unum par de trussyng coffres, et unum annulum de auro duplicatum, et optimam bursam de cerico. Item lego Agneti Slore filiæ meæ unum annulum de auro cum uno safer in dicto annulo, et unam bonam bursam de cerico. Item lego Thomæ Slore unum longum cofforum bene cum ferro ligatum, et Primarium meum rubrum. Item lego Willelmo de Cranwell unum rubrum Psalterium ad orandum pro anima mea. Item volo quod Fratres Minores de Notyngham habeant xs. et Fratres Carmelitæ de eadem vjs. viijd., sic quod ambo ordines veniant ad manerium meum de Colwik et ad ecclesiam parochialem ejusdem exequias meas ibidem implendo in vigiliis meis et missa, quousque corpus meum humatum fuerit. Item volo quod Elizabeth uxor mea habeat calicem, vestimentum cum duobus candelabris de laton et parvum Missale, cum omnibus aliis ornamentis pertinentibus capellæ meæ. [*Pr.* 18 *Aug.* 1433.]

XXIV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ PALMES DE NABURN ARMIGERI.

August 11, 1433. Thomas Palmes de Naburn, armiger;‡ corpus ad sepeliendum in ecclesia mea parochiali Sancti Georgii in Fisshergate in Eboraco, juxta corpus Francisci patris mei.—

* The will of another Nottinghamshire gentleman, of whose family there is but little known.

† Elizabeth, his widow, by her will, dated October 6, 1435, desires to be buried in the church of St. John Baptist de Colwyk, near her husband. She mentions her sons William and Sir Alan de Cranwell. [*Prob.* 26 *Feb. seq.*]

‡ Thomas Palmes, of Naburn, Esq., married Alice daughter of John Pickering, of Ellerton, Esq., and had issue by her William Palmes, of Naburn, Esq., who succeeded his father. He married Ellen daughter of Guy Rocliffe, Baron of the Exchequer, and made his will December 3, 1478, in which he desires to be buried in the church of St. George the Martyr in York. He directs his feoffees Brian and Thomas Rocliffe to give to Ellen, Elizabeth, and Catherine, his daughters, 20*l.* each; to Guy (his second son, afterwards a serjeant-at-law), 20s. a-year, to be increased to 10*l.* if he be promoted to any ecclesiastical benefice; to Brian his son (afterwards Chief Justice of the Common Pleas), all his array for war, "ad guerram;" to Brian Rocliffe, a gray colt, "pullum;" to Thomas Rocliffe, a mare with her foal. The residue he leaves to Ellen his wife, and he makes Thomas Rocliffe and James Charleton his executors. [*Prob.* 1478-9.] This ancient family, the history of which receives considerable additions from these two wills, is still flourishing in the male line.

Capellæ Sancti Nicholai in Naburn vjs. viijd.; Georgio Palmes, fratri meo, unam vaccam nigram; Nicholao Palmes, fratri meo, xls.; Nicholao Symson, servienti meo, unum dublett coopertum cum bukskynnes; Nicholao Nelson unum pilium straminis; Dominæ Johannæ Pykering,* moniali de Munkton, vjs. viijd. Residuum, Aliciæ uxori meæ et liberis meis equaliter dividendum. Executores meos facio Aliciam uxorem meam, Robertum Rudstane de Hayton armigerum, Petrum Cawodd de Cawod armigerum et Thomam Horney vicarium de Tycastre.

Codicil, at Naburn 3 Sep. 1433. Considerans quod Alicia uxor mea viam universæ carnis ante me est ingressa; liberi mei habeant residuum,—Priorissæ et Conventui de Nonmonkton xx s. Georgio Palmes, fratri meo, unum pullanum grisii coloris depascentem in parco de Snayth, et Aliciæ uxori ejus unam suem. [*Prob.* 17 *Sep. seq.*]

XXV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI ELYOT, LUTER DOMINI DUCIS BEDFORD.

Oct. 10, 1433. Ego Willelmus Elyott,† luter, serviens excellentissimi principis et domini Ducis Bedford, Regentis regni Franciæ, corpus meum ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ ubi Deus ex sua gratia speciali disposuerit. Fabricæ ecclesiæ parochialis Sancti Dionisii Bakchirche London, iijs. iiijd. sterlingorum. Item volo quod expensæ funerales circa sepulturam meam faciendæ fiant per ordinacionem et disposicionem executoris mei subscripti. Residuum omnium bonorum et catallorum ac debitorum meorum, ubicunque existencium, et tam in partibus transmarinis quam cismarinis, do et lego Willelmo Spenser, harpour, socio meo. [*Prob. ante Alan Kyrketon decretorum doctorem decanum capellæ serenissimi principis, Domini Regentis Regni Franciæ, Ducis Bedford*, 20 *Nov.* 1433.]

* Probably the testator's sister-in-law and own sister to Sir Richard Pickering, of Oswaldkirk.

† A musician in the household of John Duke of Bedford, the celebrated Regent of France. He seems to have had some property within the province of York, which obliged his executor to prove his will there. In Archbishop Kempe's register there are several denunciations against the King's enemies in France on behalf of the Duke of Bedford. It also contains some indulgences for the ransom of Englishmen who had been made prisoners during the same war. A specimen or two may be interesting:—Jan. 20, 1443-4. An indulgence to Elizabeth wife of Sir John Holt, knight, who had been taken prisoner in Normandy and carried to Mount St. Michael, "Michell." Jan. 4, 1442-3. An indulgence for the relief of James Raynes, master of a ship called the Trinity; John Speton, of York, merchant; John Thomlynson and William Duram, mariners, who had been taken, with their ship, by pirates on the high seas and carried to Bologn, in Picardy: to raise 23*l.* for their ransom. Feb. 28, 1442-3. An indulgence of twenty-eight days to raise 50*l.*, required for the "ransome of Bichard Botiler, of Shropshire, who has been taken captive by the rebels in France, to be paid either to him or to Elizabeth his wife."

XXVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS SHAKESPERE DE DONCASTRE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ultimo die mensis Octobris, Anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo}.xxxiij^{o}. Ego Johannes Shakespere* de Doncastre, chapman, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ Virgini, et omnibus Sanctis celi; corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio Sancti Georgii de Doncastre. Item lego optimum animal meum nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego iij lb. ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego vicario meo iiij d. Et cuilibet capellano existenti ad exequias meas ij d. Et clericis parochialibus, utrique, j d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Cath. Ebor. xix d. ob. Item lego utrique domui Fratrum de Doncastre, xij d. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum, debitis meis et expensis solutis, do Johannæ uxori meæ sine aliqua condicione; et ipsam Johannam et Willelmum Bramwith de Doncastre ordino et constituo executores meos, ad perimplendum voluntatem meam supradictam. Item lego eidem Willelmo pro labore suo vj s. viij d. si voluerit recipere administracionem. Hiis testibus, Roberto White de Tykhill, et Radulpho Glover de Doncastre, et aliis. Datum apud Doncastre die et anno Domini supradictis. [*Prob.* 29 *Nov.* 1433.]

XXVII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS WYNDHILL RECTORIS ECCLESIÆ PAROCHIALIS DE ARNECLIFFE.

Sep. 16, 1431. Ego Johannes Wyndhill,† rector ecclesiæ de Arnecliffe in Craven—corpus meum ad sepeliendum infra ecclesiam monasterii Beatæ Mariæ de Alnewyk. Item do et lego xl. libras ceræ in cereis conficiendis ad comburendum circa corpus meum in exequiis meis et missa die sepulturæ meæ. Item volo et lego ad distribuendum pauperibus et egenis die sepulturæ meæ c s. pro anima mea, parentum, et benefactorum meorum. Item do et lego Abbati de Alnewyk missam celebranti die sepulturæ

* A will which will excite some little interest and speculation. The testator appears to have been in humble circumstances, and, with the exception of his wife, he mentions no relations whatever. His profession, I may observe, was a migratory one, and it is curious that the name of the great dramatist's father was also *John*, and that his profession likewise was but little different from that of the testator. Yorkshire might indeed be proud, if, in addition to her long and honourable list of early poets, she could claim kinship with William Shakespere.

† A vicar of Arnecliffe, in Craven, to which he was presented by the Earl of Northumberland in 1394. His bequests to the churches in Alnwick prove that he had not always lived among the wilds of Craven.

meæ vj s. viij d. Item do et lego cuilibet capellano sive monacho, canonico seu fratri, interessenti ad exequias meas et ad missam die sepulturæ meæ, xij d. Item do et ordino unum capellanum celebraturum per duos annos post mortem meam ad ecclesiam meam de Arnecliffe, divina officia in dicta ecclesia interessentem, et orantem pro anima mea, parentum et omnium benefactorum meorum, et pro quibus aliquo modo teneor orare. Item volo et ordino unum capellanum ydoneum celebraturum in capella Sancti Michaelis in Alnewyke per tres annos pro anima mea, ita videlicet, quod dictus capellanus non absentabit se, sed erit presens in omnibus divinis serviciis factis in dicta capella, nisi necessitas se impediat. Item do et lego ad reparacionem ecclesiæ meæ de Arnecliffe, et ad distribuendum inter parochianos meos pauperes, per visum sex vel octo hominum fidedignorum de dicta parochia juratorum ad hoc electorum per ordinarium Archiepiscopi et parochianos ibidem, xx li. in moneta. Item do et lego Abbati et Conventui Beatæ Mariæ de Alnewyk unum vestimentum de cereco blodio et deauratum cum leonibus super leꝫ orfrays. Item do et lego summo altari Beati Michaelis de Alnewyk predicta unum vestimentum de rubio cereco et unum magnum Missale. Item do et lego ecclesiæ meæ de Arnecliffe unum vestimentum rubeum et deauratum. Item do et lego ecclesiæ de Calverley infra Comitatum Ebor. unum vestimentum rubeum biss' cum volucribus albis. Item do et lego Domino Comiti Northumbriæ* unum ciphum argenti coopertum chasedd. Item do et lego Radulpho Percy,† filio dicti Domini Comitis, omnia terras et tenementa mea quæ habeo infra comitatum Ebor. et Northumbriæ. Item do et lego Agneti, filiæ Roberti de Nonwykthornes, unum

* Henry second earl of Northumberland, the son of the famous Hotspur. He was killed at the battle of St. Alban's on the 22nd of May, 33 Henry VI., *ex parte regis*, and was buried in the abbey church there. William Essyngwald administered to his effects at York, to the use and at the request of the Lady Eleanor, the widow of the deceased earl. The house of Percy had no peer among the noble families of England for valour and magnificence, but it paid most dearly for that coveted pre-eminence. The famous crescent set, as it arose, in blood. Henry the first Earl of Northumberland was killed at Bramham Moor, 8 Henry IV. His brother, Thomas Percy Earl of Worcester, had been beheaded at Shrewsbury five years previously. Hotspur, the first earl's son, was killed at Shrewsbury, 3 Henry IV.; and Sir Ralph Percy, his brother, was slain at Newcastle, 12 Richard II. Henry the second earl fell at the battle of St. Alban's, 33 Henry VI. Henry the third earl was slain at Towton Field in 38 Henry VI.; and his brothers, Sir Thomas and Sir Ralph Percy, fell at Northampton and Hedgelymoor. Henry the fourth earl was murdered at Coxlodge, near Thirsk, in 1489. Henry the fifth earl died a natural death; but his son, Sir Thomas Percy, was executed at Tyburn, 29 Henry VIII. for his share in Aske's rebellion; and his grandson, Thomas the seventh earl, one of the leaders of the rising in the North, died on the scaffold at York, in 1572. Henry the eighth earl shot himself in the Tower, 29 Elizabeth.

† Sir Ralph Percy, the fourth son of the second Earl of Northumberland, adopted, with his father and brother, the cause of Henry VI., and was killed in the battle at Hedgelymoor, "saving the bird in his bosom."

par precularium de aumbre et unam zonam de cereco de sangwyn, hernasiatam cum argento et deauratam. Item do et lego Johanni Kendale unum librum Anglicanum de Pers Plughman. Item do et lego Margaretæ uxori dicti Johannis unam longam togam de viridi cum furrura de gray. Item do et lego Margaretæ filiæ suæ unam togam de blewmelde cum furrura de byce. Item do et lego Willelmo Coucherr unam togam de murray penulatam cum fychons. Item do et lego Aliciæ uxori suæ unam togam de nigro russeto furratam cum nigro agno. Item do et lego Willelmo Morton optimum cingulum meum argentatum, in custodia Johannis Kendale, et xx s. in pecunia. Item do et lego Agneti Sledmer de Bridlyngton unam togam de sangwyn penulatam cum agnis albis, unam parvam zonam argenti et deauratam cum le corse de viridi et albo. Item do et lego Johanni Morton unam togam de mellide penulatam cum fychons, unum coopertorium cum tapete rubii coloris et in custodia Johannis Kendale. Item do et lego Roberto de Burne servienti meo decem marcas in pecunia, unum lectum, videlicet coopertorium cum tapeto, unum par de blanketts, unum par linthiaminum, duos dubletts, tria paria caligarum cum omnibus sotularibus meis et unum par ocrearum. Item do et lego Johanni de Ryle signetum meum auri et par cultellorum cum manubrio de masserr' et argentato. Item do et lego Roberto Taillior, capellano, unum capucium de sangwyn et unum capucium nigri duplicatum. Item do et lego domino Johanni Godebourc, capellano, unum capucium nigrum, et unum capucium blodii coloris et unum collobum nigrum. Item do et lego domino Johanni Barker, capellano, vj s. viij d. sub condicione quod oret pro me. Item do et lego Priori et Conventui Fratrum de Hulme xl s. Ricardo Clerke, servienti meo, xiij s. iiij d. Willelmo Hornby, servienti meo, iij s. iiij d. Thomæ Temple xij d. Item do et lego ecclesiæ meæ de Arnecliffe predictæ unum novum magnum Portowse. Item do et lego Johanni Forest unum baslard cum manubrio de evere et argento, unam togam certi coloris penulatam. Item do et lego Domino Comiti Northumbriæ unum jumentum cum suo pullo. Willelmo Gisburgh unam zonam de corio argentatam, unam togam viridis coloris penulatam cum mynkes et unam felle brasii coloris. Domino Johanni Tetworth unam zonam corei argentatam. Roberto Forest unum librum Anglicanum de Exposicione Evangeliorum. Agneti de Nonwykthornes unum coopertorium cum le tapete de ares werk. Nichalao Raper unum mantellum. Ecclesiæ meæ de Arnecliffe lc3 alterclathes pertinentes uni vestimento de burde alexandree pulverisato cum volucribus albis et blodiis. Domino meo, Domino Henrico Percy,* unam crateram coopertam pounsed. Roberto

* The celerated Hotspur.

de Burne, servienti meo, unum equum album. Dominæ meæ, Comitissæ Northumbriæ,* x li. in pecunia de summa michi debita die confeccionis presencium per Christoforum Spence armigerum. Decano et omnibus divina auxiliantibus in capella Domini Comitis Northumbriæ, si contingat me mori dicta capella existente ibidem, sub tali condicione quod exequias meas et missam meam celebrarent prout consuetudo pro mortuis est, ita quod dividatur per discrecionem dicti decani, unicuique xiij s. iiij d. Residuum Willelmo Gisburgh, Domino Johanni Tetworth et Roberto Forest. [*Prob.* 15 *Jan.* 1433-4.]

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XXVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ SCARGILL DE LEEDE GRANNGE.

March 12, 1432. Thomas Skargell de Leed,† armiger—corpus meum ad sepeliendum ubicunque Deus disposuerit. Item do et lego nomine mortuarii mei optimum animal meum. Item lego in cera comburenda circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ sexdecem libras ceræ pro quinque ceris. Cuilibet capellano interessenti exequiis in tempore mortis meæ xij d. In convocacione pauperum cecorum, claudorum, et vicinorum meorum in die sepulturæ meæ et in die octavarum mearum xiij li. vj s. viij d. In distribucione pauperum et debilium die sepulturæ meæ xl s. Fabricæ capellæ de Lede xx s. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Saxton xx s. Fabricæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri vj s. viij d. Fratribus Sancti Roberti juxta Knaresburgh vj s. viij d. Fratribus Sancti Leonardi xl s. Pauperibus ejusdem domus vj s. viij d. ad orandum pro me. Fabricæ ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Sancti Johannis Beverlaci xij d. Fabricæ monasterii Bridlyngton xij d. Ordini Fratrum Prædicatorum de Pontefracto vj s. viij d. Fabricæ sive reparacioni ecclesiæ parochialis de Baddesworth vj s. viij d. Duobus capellanis ydoneis et honestis divina celebraturis apud Leede per unum annum integrum, xiiij. marcas, pro salute animæ meæ, omnium benefactorum meorum, et pro animabus omnium aliorum pro quibus aliquod bonum hic recepi, seu aliquod malum

* Eleanor daughter of Ralph Earl of Westmerland, and widow of Richard Lord Despenser.

† The family of Scargill is one of great antiquity. It seems to have lived in considerable retirement, as we find it but rarely mentioned in local history. Lede Grange, where the Scargills resided, is in the parish of Ryther, and in the immediate vicinity of Towton Field. Joan Scargill, the wife of the testator, died in 1421, and I must refer my readers to the first volume of the York Wills for some extracts from her will. John Scargyll, of Ledys (probably the testator's son), by his will, dated 22nd Dec. 1472, and proved on the 3rd of January following, desires to be buried in the choir of the Holy Trinity, in the church of the blessed Peter at Leades. Alice, his wife, and Henry Rokelay are the executors as well as the residuary legatees mentioned in that document.

perpetravi, videlicet, utrique septem marcas. Item lego Johannæ filiæ meæ xx li., et unam murram optimam, et unum craterem optimum cum opertura, et xij. cocliaria optima argentea. Rogero* fratri meo decem marcas et unam murram et unum craterem cum opertura, et vj. cocliaria argenti. Johanni, filio ejusdem Rogeri, quinque marcas; et sorori ejusdem Johannis quinque marcas. Tribus pueris dicti Rogeri, cuilibet xl s. Johanni filio meo decem marcas, unam murram, unum craterem cum vj. cocliaribus argenti. Dicto Johanni unam ollam æneam per deliberacionem Johannæ filiæ meæ, et unum lectum cum uno tapeto de blewesay. Thomæ, filio ejusdem Johannis, decem marcas. Eufemiæ, filiæ dicti Johannis, c s. Roberto, filio dicti Johannis, c s. Johannæ Boswell de Abirford, filiæ ejusdem Johannis, quinque marcas. Katerinæ et sorori suæ, filiabus dicti Johannis Skargell, utrique earum quinque marcas. Johanni Rider, servienti meo, xx s. Ricardo Thwates decem marcas, unum lectum, et unam murram cum sex cocliaribus argenti. Aliciæ, matri dicti Ricardi, decem marcas, et filiæ unam marcam, et Willelmo filio dictæ Aliciæ c s. Johanni fratri suo c s. Willelmo Eland sex marcas, et Johannæ Eland sorori suæ decem marcas. Roberto de Ledys vj s. viij d. Johanni Bramhop servienti meo iij s. iiij d. Thomæ Graunt iij s. iiij d. Johannæ filiæ meæ optimum plaustrum meum cum quatuor bobus optimis meis, et duas vaccas optimas.—Johanni Eland unam vaccam. Johannæ filiæ meæ duas ollas optimas, optimam pelvem cum lavacro, unum par tabellarum, et unum almarium et unum copbord. Rogero fratri meo unum lectum de rede say enbrowded, et unum coverlect et unum tapetum de say et unam pelvem cum uno lavacro. Johannæ filiæ meæ dimidium omnium granorum et bladorum meorum in campis et extra, cum dimidio brasio meo, et aliud dimidium lego Rogero fratri meo, Johanni filio meo, et Ricardo Thwates.—Executores constituo Johannam filiam meam, Rogerum fratrem meum, Johannem filium meum et Ricardum Thwates cognatum meum. [*Pr.* 1 *Feb.* 1433-4.]

XXIX. JOHN DE MANTHORP VICARIUS DE HAYTON.

April 12, 1434. Johannes de Manthorp, perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ de Hayton—sep. in cancello ecclesiæ prædictæ, et cum corpore meo, nomine principalis, unum equum cum freno et sella; et in cera ardenda circa corpus meum in prima die et septima die quatuor libras ceræ. Item lego unum librum vocatum Ordinale

* The Archbishop of York grants an oratory to Roger Scargill, of Batley, 16th October, 1446.

Missæ predictæ ecclesiæ imperpetuum memoriale. Item lego unum librum Portiforium ad ecclesiam de Cokeryngton Sancti Leonardi, memoriale imperpetuum. Unum Psalterium parvum filiolo meo, filio Henrici Smyth mercatoris de Rettford. Domino Henrico Ketillthorp unum librum Devocionis cum Psalterio Jeronimi. Item lego ad ecclesiam de Bekyngham unam cistam cum ferro ligatam, memoriale imperpetuum. Campanili de Hayton vj s. viij d. Domino Henrico Dyghton unum ciphum de murra argenti, unum par cultellorum harrenest cum argento. Domino Johanni Brokholes, * magistro meo, domino de Bole, unum stillatorium, et unum librum vocatum Antifonar', et unum Kalendar novum, et unum Astirlabyr. Domino Roberto Holme unam togam furratam cum bevyr'.

XXX. TESTAMENTUM PETRI SANTON ARMIGERI.

Feb. 13, 1433-4. Ego Petrus Santon †—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Andreæ in Holborn in London, coram capella Sanctæ Katerinæ in ecclesia predicta. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ predictæ Sancti Andreæ xl s. ad orandum pro anima mea. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Egidii extra Crepulgate London, vj s. viij d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Northcave x li. Item lego executoribus meis sexaginta libras sterlingorum ad sustentandum honeste et competenter Johannam matrem meam quamdiu vixerit.—Willelmo Hopton, gentilman, xxvj s. viij d. Willelmo Grene, gentilman, xxvj s. viij d. Johanni Feriby, yoman, unum equum vocatum Gresill cum sella et freno. Willelmo Dalton xxvj s. viij d. et meam togam de musterdevilers furratam cum fucheux. Volo quod feoffati Ricardi Santon patris mei defuncti faciant statum Henrico Bromflete militi in omnibus terris et tenementis meis infra Comitatum Ebor. cum reversione terrarum, etc. quæ michi accidere debet post decessum Isabellæ nuper uxoris Ricardi

* John Brockholes became prebendary of Bole, in the cathedral church of York, 13th July, 1424. In 1434 he exchanged his canonry in the church of Wells, his prebend of Combe Septima, and his rectory of "Tenebegh" with Mr. John Blodewell for the rectory of Stretton in the Clay. In 1444 he resigns his canonry in the church of York, and in the following year the Archbishop of York allows him to resign his living of Stretton, granting him a retiring pension of 20*l.* a-year for life. He was at that time, as he tells us himself, aged and infirm, and almost blind.

† A Yorkshire gentleman, who makes his will in London. Of the family of Santon there is but little known. Richard Santon, of North Cave, Esq. the father of the testator, by his will, dated Dec. 10, 1432, and proved on the 29th of January following, desires to be buried in the church of All Saints at North Cave, before the altar of St. Thomas. He leaves money for a priest to pray for his soul, and for those of Agnes and Isabel his wives, and Richard Santon his father. He makes Isabel his wife and Peter his son his executors, and John Ellerker his supervisor.

Santon patris mei nuper defuncti. Robertus Wardrop et Ricardus Anson executores. Item lego fabricæ campanilis ecclesiæ Sancti Alphegi London iij s. iiij d. [*Prob.* 21 *May*, 1434.]

XXXI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ ELIZABETHÆ NUPER UXORIS PETRI DEL HAY, DE PAROCHIA DE CAMPSALL.

July 9, 1434. Ego domina Elizabetha nuper uxor Petri del Hay*.—sep. in ecclesia de Barneburgh juxta Jacobum Cresacre† quondam maritum meum, omnibus juribus funeralibus apud ecclesiam parochialem meam de Campsall antea completis. Cuilibet sacerdoti ad exequias ministranti vj d. Cuilibet clerico parochiali iiij d. Minoribus clericis, cuilibet ij d. Ad ceram circa corpus meum comburendam v lb., in v. cereis compositis. In convocatione pauperum et vicinorum meorum die sepulturæ meæ, tam apud Campsall quam apud Barneburgh, sufficientiam panis et casei et cerevisiæ. Summo altari ecclesiæ de Campsall meum novum Missale, et servicio Beatæ Mariæ ibidem meum mantellum furratum cum gray. Fabricæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis vj s. viij d. Et quatuor ordinibus Fratrum xxvj s. viij d. eque divisos. Et monialibus de Hampole vj s. viij d. Et dominæ Aliciæ Mirfeld, moniali de Kyrkeles, vj s. viij d. Item lego Persevallo, filio meo seniori,‡ unam pelvim et lavacrum argenti, xxiiij. vaccas cum tauro apud Tyls, optimam ollam meam æream, unum yren spytt, duos yren rakkes, tres stone morters, omnia vasa lignea, cultellos et candelabra in le pantry, botre et

* Elizabeth, daughter of John Woodruffe (of Wolley), and successively widow of James Cresacre, of Barnebro', and Peter de la Hay, of Spaldington. This will makes several additions to the pedigree of Cresacre, which is given in Mr. Hunter's "South Yorkshire," and suggests one or two alterations in it. The family of Cresacre had been seated at Barnborough from a very early date. The first will of any member of it that has as yet occurred to me is that of John Cresacre, the father-in-law of the testatrix, which is made on the Wednesday after the feast of St. Matthew the Apostle, in 1408. He directs himself to be buried at Barnborough, and mentions Sibil his wife and James his son.

† The family of Cresacre seems to have had some connection with the parish of Campsall, where the testatrix appears to have passed her widowhood. An inscription, formerly in a window in the church, requested the prayers of the worshippers for the souls of John Cresacre and Elizabeth, his wife, who had piously erected the window which contained the request.

‡ The eldest son of the testatrix. Mr. Hunter gives a most interesting account of his tomb in the church of Barnborough, and I rejoice to be able to give the date of its erection. By his will, dated on the 19th of January, 1476-7, and which was proved at York on the 2nd of February following, he desires to be buried in the church of St. Peter at Barneburgh, near the tomb of Alice Cresacre his wife. He leaves 40*s.* to inclose with a stone wall (cum petris) the cemetery of his parish church; and he also leaves five marks to repair the tower of the same edifice. To Catherine Cresacre he bequeaths 20*l.* towards her marriage ; and he makes his sons John and Mr. Edward Cresacre (sub-dean of York,) with others, his executors.

coquina, et omnia utensilia in ley bakehouse et brewhouse, quatuor plumbeis vasis inde exceptis; unam mensam replicatam et aliam mensam vocatam le copborde; dimidium de qwysshyns, costors et banquers de grene in le parlor, unum pendentem lectum cum costors et curtyns et aliis sibi pertinenciis in camera. Item in capella duo vestimenta de borde alysaundre et unum vestimentum de rede sylk cum suis pertinenciis, duo altarclothes, duo candelabra de laton, unam calicem, unum frontell, unum haly water fatt ibidem et unam cistam, plaustra, carucas et harpicas cum suis phaleris, et unum ventilabrum, unum cilicium cum cunctis saccis. Item lego Aliciæ* uxori suæ unum par de trussyngcoffres, unum Flaundres kyst. Item lego Isabellæ filiæ meæ majorem craterem meum argenti deauratum et coopertum, unam pelvim argenti cum lavacro, optimum plumale meum, unum bolster, unum pañe (*sic*) et dimidium de qwyssyns. Item lego Jacobo filio meo xx li. argenti, unum qwilt, unum matras de bokasyn, duas lodices de fustiane, duo linthiamina de lake. Item lego Thomæ filio meo xl. marcas argenti, unum lectum nigrum, duo linthiamina, duas lodices, unam culcitram, unum matras de sylk et duos pylouse. Item lego Ricardo filio meo xx. marcas argenti et unum lectum cum pertinentiis ut supra Thomæ fratri suo. Item lego Johanni Staynerode capellano meo unum Portiforium, unam pelvim cum lavacro de laton, unum lectum, videlicet unam culcitram, unum coopertorium, duas lodices, et duo linthiamina, unum chaffer, et unum craterem signatum cum litera ꝑ. Item lego Ricardo Wryght servienti meo octo marcas argenti, unum lectum cum pertinentiis, ut supra, et majorem murram meam. Item lego Dionisiæ famulæ meæ unum metecloth, duos sanoppes, unum towell, unum grete kyst, unum lectum, unum brassepott, majorem patellam de meslyn, halfadosan garnyssht de peuter vessell. Willelmo Lassy unum lectum et unam boviculam. Roberto Vyncent capellano xl s. Residuum Jacobo filio meo, Roberto Vyncent capellano, et Ricardo Wright servienti meo, quos facio executores meos. [*Prob.* 3 *Aug.* 1434.]

XXXII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ DE CROMWELL.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Die Lunæ, in Festo Sanctæ Annæ Matris Mariæ Virginis, anno Domini Millesimo CCCC^mo^ tricesimo quarto, Ego domina Johanna domina de Cromwell,† sanæ mentis, condo

* A daughter of Thomas Mountney. She died in 1450, and was buried in the church of Barnborough, where her monument, with its curiously rhyming epitaph, may still be seen.

† This lady, whose maiden name has not been ascertained, was the widow of Ralph Lord Cromwell, of Tatteshall, who died before the year 1420. By him she left two

testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ Virgini ac Omnibus Sanctis ejus; corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in cancella ecclesiæ de Lamley. Item lego nomine mei principalis meum optimum equum cum optima mea sella et freno. Item lego in cera ad faciendum xij. torches comburendos circa corpus in die sepulturæ meæ quatuor marcas argenti. Item volo quod executores mei solvant, seu solvi faciant, omnia debita mea sine dilacione post mortem meam. Item lego ecclesiæ de Lamley unam aulam steynid cum duobus costerys de historia de Lebeus Disconeus. Item lego domino Radulpho filio meo, domino de Cromwell, unam pelvim de argento cum uno lavacro una cum benediccione. Item lego domino Ricardo Stanop * militi unam pelvim cum uno lavacro, et duos crateres de argento et deauratos cum suis coopertoriis, et unum maser deauratum cum coopertorio, et unum par de bedys de corall optimum. Item lego dominæ Matildæ, filiæ meæ, uxori dicti Ricardi, optimum meum mantellum penulatum cum ermyn et optimam meam togam penulatam. Item lego Thomæ Hurrebat unum craterem argenti cum ymagine Sanctæ Katerinæ in medio. Item lego Ceciliæ uxori dicti Thomæ unam togam. Item lego Emmæ Draycote unam togam penulatam, et unum par de bedys. Item lego Doucæ Draycote unam togam. Item Aliciæ Chamber unam togam. Item lego Rogero Gomfray de Notingham, sibimet, xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Fratribus Minoribus de Notingham xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Fratribus Carmelitis de dicta Notingham xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Normano Scharnels unum par de bedys. Item rectori de Lamley unum par de bedys. Residuum executoribus meis—quos constituo Domi-

children, a son and a daughter. Ralph Lord Cromwell was found to be heir to his grandmother, at her death in 1420. He was then 16 years of age. He married Margaret, the daughter and coheiress of William, son of John Lord Deincourt, but he had no surviving issue by her. He died in 1455, and a full account of this great nobleman, and his pious and charitable works will be found appended to his will, which occurs hereafter. As he died without issue, the representation and the vast estates of his lordly house passed away to his only sister Maud, the second wife of Sir Richard Stanhope, of Rampton, to whom she was married in the 12th of Henry IV.

* Sir Richard Stanhope of Rampton, co. Notts, was twice married. By Elizabeth, his first wife, he left issue male. His second wife was the wealthy heiress of the noble house of Cromwell, by whom he had a son and two daughters. The son, Henry Stanhope, died without issue, 31 Henry VI., leaving his two sisters coheirs to their mother's estates. Of these Joan, who appears to have been the elder sister, married Humphrey Bourchier. Maud, the younger sister, married into three illustrious houses. Her first husband was Robert Lord Willoughby of Eresby; her second was Sir Thomas Neville, to whom we find her married in 1446-7; and her third was Sir Gervase Clifton of Clifton, knight. The licence for the last marriage was granted by the Archbishop of York 10th August, 1461. By none of these husbands did she leave any issue, and at her death, in the 13th of Henry VII., her estates reverted to Sir William Knyvett and William Fitzwilliam, Esq. the representatives of two of her great-aunts, Elizabeth Cromwell, who had married Sir John Clifton, and Maud Cromwell, the wife of Sir William Fitzwilliam.

num Richardum Stanop militem et Thomam Hurrebat, et supervisorem Dominum Radulphum filium meum, dominum de Cromwell. [*Prob.* 10 *Aug.* 1434.]

XXXIII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI WILLUGHBY DE USFLETE ARMIGERI.

This es ye last will of Robert of Willughby,* ye xxvij. day of Maii, y^e^ ȝere of Kynge Henry sext xj^mo^. The fyrst, I will yat all my dettes be payed, and also I will yat ye remlande of my gude be partid in thre: save onely myne aray for my body, armure, gownes, hodes, girdels, baslarde, chene and rynges gif I to Johne my sonne, and of one parte to fulfill my will with; yat es for to say, The first I wite my body to be beryed in the chirche of Whitgift, before ye Trinitee altar; and I wite to ye Trinitee gilde xl s. To ye kyrkewerke xl s. To ye Messeboke for ye hegh alter xl s. To xxxiij. pore men xxxiij. grotes, and to ilk a preste beyng at my Dirige and Messe vj d. And to every clerk iij d. And also iiij. sergis of viij lb. to brynne in ye tyme of servyse. And I will and charge, yat alson as ye saule be out of ye boddy, y^t^ ye body be putte in ye erthe. At my interment I will yat all pore men have mete and drynk enogh. And to my sister Margrete of Bayne I wite xl s. And to my brother Sir William xx s. And to Robert Medycroft xl s. And to Thomas Smyth of Barton xx s. And to Thomas Busham my rede bald stagg. And to Johnet Clowte vj s. viij d. To Johne of stabill vj s. viij d. And also I will yat my wife, and my sister Margrete, Robert Medycroft, and Thomas Smyth, be my executorus. And also I will yat my wife have one parte clerely, and one other parte to Johne of Willughby. And I will yat Norman of Babyngton haf l. marcs for ye place and ye lande yat was Wittyns in Usflete. And y^t^ ye saide Norman of Babyngton make a stete to John of Willughby and to his hereys of his body begeten; and, if he dy with outen here of his body, I will yat my wife hafe it terme of hir life, and after his decesse I will yat it be solde and done for oure saules; and also if ye saide Johne of Willughby dy with inne age yan will I yat levyng of his parte and of myne begiffen to my wife, if sho liff; and if sho be dede, I will yat it be done for our saules. And also I will yat my sister Margrate hafe ye governance of John of Willughby parte, and also I will yat my brother Sir William be surveyor of my will. [*Prob.* 4 *Sep.* 1434, *and adm. to Margt. Bayne.*]

* This curious and valuable document will be read with great interest. May not the 33 poor men, to whom the testator leaves a groat a-piece, answer to the years of his own life?

XXXIV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI ALCOK DE KYNGESTON SUPER HULL.

In Festo Conceptionis Sanctæ Mariæ Virginis, 1434. Ego Willelmus Alcok * de Kyngeston super Hull, mercator—sep. in cimiterio ecclesiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis ante crucem ibidem, cum optima toga mea nomine mortuarii mei. Fratribus Augustinianis villæ prædictæ, existentibus ad exequias et missas celebrandas pro anima mea, die sepulturæ meæ et septimo die, scilicet, vj s. viij d. Fratribus Carmelitis ejusdem villæ vj s. viij d. existentibus ad exequias et missas prædictas diebus prædictis. Fabricæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Southmuskham prope Newerk vj s. viij d. Johannæ uxori meæ omnia terras et tenementa mea. Residuum dictæ Johannæ, ad acquietandum omnia debita mea ac eciam ad exhibendum et gubernandum omnes pueros meos.—Executores constituo uxorem meam et Thomam Alcok filium meum. [*Prob.* 13 *Jan.* 1434–5, *by the widow.*]

* A wealthy merchant, and the father of the pious and munificent Bishop Alcock. John Alcock, Bishop of Ely, is said by Leland to have been born at Beverley. His father's will, we may observe, is dated at Hull, but, in addition to the manifold contingencies to which traders are subject, there seems to have been a large migration from Beverley to Hull about this period, and Alcock may perhaps have shared in it. John Alcock appears to have been a younger son. He was admitted to the order of subdeacon by John Bishop of Philippolis, the suffragan of the Archbishop of York, on the 8th of March, 1448-9, the abbey of Thornton, in Lincolnshire, of which house he may perhaps have been an inmate, giving him a title. He became deacon on the 29th of March, 1449, and priest on the 12th of April following. After this he probably began his residence at Cambridge, of which university he became so distinguished an ornament and patron. His first benefice was the rectory of St. Margaret's in Fish Street, London, to which he was presented by Thomas Kempe, Bishop of London, in 1461. Kempe was nephew to the Archbishop of York, and had himself held several lucrative offices, to which his uncle had presented him, and he was probably acquainted with Alcock before he had removed to London. After this Alcock's progress was rapid, but as it is so intimately connected with the history of the time it need not be recapitulated here. Suffice it to say, that he was successively Bishop of Rochester, Worcester, and Ely, whilst the important and responsible offices of Ambassador to the Court of Castille, the Mastership of the Rolls, the Presidency of Wales, and the Lord High Chancellorship of England, were the rewards of his services to the state. But it is not on his civil and ecclesiastical preferments alone, great though they be, that the fame of John Alcock rests: Jesus College, in Cambridge, is a living monument of his energy and munificence, and the Grammar School and the Chantry which he founded at Hull prove that he had not forgotten the scenes of his earlier days. He died at Wisbeach Castle on the 1st of October, 1500, and was buried in a gorgeous chapel which he had himself erected at the east end of his Cathedral at Ely, which, like his brother's plate, was resplendent with cocks, the punning arms of his family. Robert Alcock, the Bishop's brother, followed the profession of his father, and was a merchant at Hull. His will, which was made at Worcester on the 14th of August, 1483, probably at the instigation and under the superintendence of his brother, was proved at York on the 10th of July following. In it he mentions Thomas Alcock, his brother, and he bequeaths to John Alcock, his brother Thomas's son, the fourth part of a ship called the George. He leaves to his son-in-law John Dalton, the husband of his daughter Katharine, 69*l.* which was the marriage portion of his wife. To Robert Alcock his son he leaves his large cup "cum gallis consignatum," his own signet, and all his zones, "quæ cum gallis consignantur." The residue is left to Catherine his wife.

XXXV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS DENE, CANONICI IN ECCLESIA COLLEGIATA BEATI PETRI RIPON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Dum corpus viget sanitate et mens per langorem non est interius impedita, tunc homo pleniori utitur racione et ultimæ voluntatis judicium, in quo tranquillæ mentis racione usus exigitur, salubrius et prudencius ordinat et disponit. Hinc est quod Ego Johannes Dene,* Canonicus Ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Beati Petri Riponiæ, ac Prebendarius prebendæ de Staynwiggs in eadem, et rector medietatis ecclesiæ parochialis de Lynton in Craven, Eboracensis diocceseos, sanus mente et corpore in confeccione presencium existens, ac considerans quod morte nil cercius humanæ creaturæ, quamque nil incertius ejus hora, volensque preterea, dum lucem habeo, in luce ambulare: In nomine Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, condo testamentum meum. In primis, lego animam meam Ipsi, qui precioso sanguine suo me redemit. Item lego corpus meum miserum ad sepeliendum in choro ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Beati Petri Ripon. sine pompa aliqua seculari. Item lego pro mortuario meo optimum meum animal. Item lego xx libras ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum in exequiis meis et in die sepulturæ meæ, vel in majori quantitate, secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes indigentes in die sepulturæ meæ iiij li. Item lego sex vicariis chori ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Riponiæ, et novem capellanis cantarias ibidem optinentibus, et in exequiis interessentibus, videlicet dum cantatur Placebo et Dirige, in die sequenti Commendacio Mortuorum cum missa xx s., cuilibet vicario et cuilibet capellano cantariarum, ut supra, xvj d. Et tribus diaconis et tribus subdiaconis interessentibus, ut supra, iiij s., cuilibet viij d. Item lego sex thuribulariis et sex choristis interessentibus, ut supra, iiij s., cuilibet iiij d. Item lego cuilibet presbitero non promoto et commoranti infra villam Ripon. interessenti in exequiis meis et in missa, ut supra, vj d. Item lego Sacristæ Ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Ripon. pro pulsacione campanarum in exequiis meis et missa ij s. Item lego le belman iiij d. Item lego quatuor ordinibus Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor. xxvj s. viij d. cuilibet ordini vj s. viij d. Item lego monialibus de Esshald vj s. viij d. Item lego dominæ Aliciæ Chelray, moniali ejusdem loci, vj s. viij d. si vixerit tempore mortis meæ, sin autem, volo quod predicti vjs. viij d. distribuantur inter pauperes moniales de Esshald. Et

* A dignitary of the Church of Ripon. His will is drawn up with remarkable care. He would seem to have been connected with the family of Arthington of Arthington. The pedigree of that ancient house is little more than a skeleton, hanging together in a most unsatisfactory way. The present will throws some light upon it.

monialibus de Arthyngton juxta Otley xiij s. iiij d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Ripon. xl s. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes parochianos meos apud Staynewyggs et in parochia ejusdem xx s. Item lego uni capellano ad celebrandum in ecclesia Collegiata Beati Petri Ripon. pro anima mea et Agnetis de Balderby, sororis meæ defunctæ, animabus parentum, benefactorum meorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum, per quatuor annos immediatos post mortem meam, xviij li. xiij s. iiij d., capiendop er annum iiij li. xiij s. iiij d. Et volo quod capellanus predictus dicat singulis diebus pro anima mea, sororis meæ antedictæ, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, Placebo cum Dirige et Commendacionem Mortuorum, nisi legitime fuerit impeditus. Item lego Johanni Arthington juniori, filio et heredi Johannis de Arthyngton, unam peciam argenti coopertam, stantem super pedem, annameld on le pomell, et xij cocliaria melioris sectæ. Item lego Roberto Arthington, filio dicti Johannis Arthyngton, unam peciam argenti coopertam cum uno flatt knopp et xij cocliaria minoris sectæ. Item Johanni Wright servienti meo xiij s. iiij d. et unam togam cum tunica. Item lego domino Willelmo Scaryngton capellano xx s. et unum Portiforium, quondam domini Johannis Coke nuper vicarii Ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Ripon., quod quidem Portiforium modo habet. Item lego Johanni Scarryngton, patri predicti domini Willelmi Scarryngton, xl s. Et uxori dicti Johannis Scarryngton, xx s., cum duobus juvencis. Item lego Roberto Scarryngton, filio dicti Johannis Scarryngton, xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Johanni Arthyngton seniori unum Portiforium quondam magistri Willelmi de Cawod* et unum Missale cum duobus knoppes argenti et desuper deauratis. Et volo quod predictum Portiforium et Missale remaneant rectis heredibus dicti Johannis Arthyngton, semper remanendo de herede in heredem in manerio de Arthyngton. Item lego Johanni Balderby† clerico unam peciam argenti coopertam cum uno small knopp. Item lego Johanni Arthyngton seniori unam peciam argenti coopertam cum uno rownde knopp, quondam magistri Willelmi de Cawod. Item lego Johanni Ripon, abbati de Fontibus, unam peciam argenti coopertam et deauratam cum uno flatt knopp in summitate coopertorii, si vixerit tempore mortis meæ. Item lego domino Willelmo Tempest, domino de Stodley Magna, unam peciam argenti coopertam cum uno gemb

* Canon Residentiary of York, and a man of considerable learning and ability. He was frequently employed in the service of the State. Some interesting notices of him may be found appended to his will, from which some extracts are given in the Testamenta Eboracensia, Part I.

† Vicar of Kirkby Malzeard and Masham. In his will, dated 13th Nov. 1448, he desires to be buried in the church of Kirkby Malzeard. He leaves to John Hartlyngton his best gown "penulatam."

in pede peciæ, Anglice vocatam Chales cop. Item lego Margaretæ Arthyngton, uxori Johannis Arthyngton junioris, unam peciam argenteam et deauratam. Item quod predicta pecia cum coopertorio semper remaneat de herede in heredem in manerio de Arthyngton. Item volo et ordino quod expedita sepultura mea absque pompa omni seculari, honeste tamen, propter obloquencium judicia inconsulta. Residuum Johanni Balderby vicario perpetuo de Masham, Johanni Arthyngton seniori et Elizabethæ uxori dicti Johannis, executoribus meis. Presentibus discretis viris domino Johanne Shireburn, Rogero Wawyn capellano cantariæ Beatæ Mariæ et Sanctæ Trinitatis in ecclesia Collegiata Beati Petri Riponiæ, Roberto Brompton, Willelmo Hunt vicario dictæ ecclesiæ, Willelmo Speton capellano cantariæ in capella Beatæ Mariæ in Staynbriggate in Ripon. et aliis. Datum Riponiæ 15 March, 1433. [*Prob.* 11 *April*, 1435.]

XXXVI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ SURTEYS MILITIS.

April 12, 1435. Ego Thomas Surteys,* miles—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Nicholai in Walmegate, in suburbiis Ebor. Rectori ejusdem ecclesiæ pro mortuario meo optimam togam meam de nigro panno penulatam, cum optimo capucio meo. Et volo quod rector ecclesiæ parochialis de Ditensale, pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis, sit remuneratus secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Capellano parochiali ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai predicti unum par cultellorum argento paratorum et

* Sir Thomas Surtees, of Dinsdale, in the county of Durham, knight. He was 20 weeks old at the death of Alexander Surtees, his father, in the 4th of Richard II. We find him sheriff of Northumberland, 10th Henry V., an office to which he was elected in right of the lands which he inherited from his mother, who appears to have been a Northumberland heiress. He seems to have been a man of considerable weight and position in the county. It would be curious to ascertain what induced the knight of Dinsdale to desert his fair inheritance on the Tees. He may have had a winter residence in York, of which he was the occupant when his last illness overtook him. He may, perhaps, have gone thither for change of air and medical advice ; but if he left health behind him on the fair isle of Dinsdale, he could scarcely expect to recover it beneath the shadow of St. Peter. He may perchance have been on a visit to his Yorkshire kinsmen, and have died ere he could return to his own home. He died on the same day on which his will is dated, and his bones rest not beside those of Goscelinus and his fore-elders in their small but picturesque church, which overhangs the Tees, but in that of St. Nicholas in Walmgate, in the suburbs of the city of York, which is now destroyed. His wife was a daughter of Sir Ralph Eure, of Wilton Castle. By her he left a daughter, Elizabeth, of whom we have no further notice, and a son, Thomas, who became his heir. He was 20 years of age at his father's death, and he died on Christmas Day, 22 Henry VI. For a full and ample account of this illustrious family I need only refer my readers to the great work of that distinguished antiquary who bore their name if he did not inherit their blood. The badge of the Society which was founded to do honour to his memory is an exact copy of the seal which was used by the testator, Sir Thomas Surtees.

deauratorum ; et clerico parochiali ibidem xij d. Johanni Rughhede famulo meo unum lectum, videlicet, unum coopertorium, unum par linthiaminum, unum par lodicium, unam togam nigram linatam cum capucio, unam tunicam rubeam de rubeo corio. Willelmo Scott famulo meo unum lectum ut supra, unam togam de sangwyn penulatam cum capucio, et unam tunicam de nigro panno penulatam. Aliciæ Rughede unam sellam cum freno pro muliere ordinatam, et Ceciliæ Rughede unum lectum, ut supra, cum tribus parvis dorsoriis de blodio et rubeo. Et volo quod unus capellanus celebret pro anima mea in dicta ecclesia dicti Nicholai per unum annum proxime post decessum meam, si bona mea ad hoc sufficere poterunt. Residuum, Elizabethe filiæ meæ. Executores meos facio Robertum Constable fratrem meum, Thomam Surteys filium et heredem meum, et Henricum Tailboys de Hurworth. [*Prob.* 19 *April*, 1435.]

XXXVII. TESTAMENTUM MARGARETÆ, RELICTÆ NICHOLAI BLAKBURN, NUPER CIVIS ET MERCATORIS EBOR, DEFUNCTI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo die mensis Marcii, anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo}. tricesimo tercio, ego Margareta Blakburn,* relicta Nicholai Blakburn civis et mercatoris Ebor. corporis et memoriæ sana, condo et ordino ac facio testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis do et lego ac commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatissimæque Virgini Mariæ, ac Sanctissimæ Matri suæ Annæ, et Omnibus Sanctis; corpusque meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Cathedrali Beati Petri Eboracensis juxta corpus predicti Nicholai Blakburn nuper mariti mei, sub lapide marmorio coram ymagine Dominæ nostræ ex parte australi, inibi conquiescentis. Item lego rectori ecclesiæ parochialis ubi me contingat diem claudere extremum optimum pannum pro corpore meo talliatum, cum capucio nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego octo tortis ceræ, quilibet tortis ponderis xvj lb., ad comburendum circa corpus meum ad exequias meas et missam die sepulturæ meæ; quorum quidem octo tortis, volo quod duo remaneant ecclesiæ parochiali Omnium Sanctorum in Northstrete in Eboraco ad comburendum ibidem annuatim die Paschæ tempore Resurreccionis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi dum durare poterunt. Et alii duo eorumdem tortis maneant ecclesiæ parochiali Sancti Johannis Evangelistæ ad finem pontis Use in Eboraco ad comburendum

* The widow of Nicholas Blackburn senior, citizen and twice Lord Mayor of York. His will has been already printed, and the present document forms an appropriate sequel to it. I print it almost entire, and it will be read with great interest. I can add nothing to the genealogical and historical notices which are appended to Nicholas Blackburn's will.

ibidem tempore Resurreccionis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi in die Paschæ, dum durare poterunt, annuatim. Et alii duo eorumdem tortis maneant ecclesiæ parochiali Sanctæ Trinitatis in Curia Regis Ebor. ad comburendum inibi, modo et forma predictis. Et alii duo eorumdem tortis maneant ecclesiæ parochiali Sanctæ Mariæ Virginis in Richemond ad comburendum ibidem die Paschæ tempore Resurrectionis Domini nostri Jhesu Cristi dum durare poterunt. Item lego pro expensis funeralibus circa me faciendis tempore exequiarum mearum xx li. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes die sepulturæ meæ per disposicionem executorum meorum x li. Item cuilibet capellano divina continue celebranti in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum in Northstrete predicta xij d. Et clerico parochiali ibidem viij d. Et subclerico iiij d. Et cuilibet capellano continue celebranti in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Evangelistæ supradicta xij d. Item lego Priori et Conventui Abbatiæ Sanctæ Trinitatis in Mikelgate in Eboraco x s. Item lego Conventui Fratrum Prædicatorum Ebor. x s. Et aliis tribus ordinibus Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor. xx s. equis porcionibus inter eos dividendos. Item lego tribus reclusis Ebor. x s. equis porcionibus dividendos. Item do et lego ydoneo et honeste capellano ad celebrandum pro anima Nicholai Blakburn nuper mariti mei, et anima mea ac animabus parentum nostrorum, necnon animabus quibus tenemur, animabusque omnium fidelium defunctorum, in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Evangelistæ predicta, per duos annos integros, xiiij marcas. Item lego Willelmo Ormeshede, fratri meo, unum ewer argenti cum le spowte, in certis partibus deauratum. Et Elenæ Ormshede, uxori suæ, unam peciam planam coopertam argenti deauratam et pounced. Item lego Nicholao Blakburn filio meo unam ollam argenti aliquantulum minus le potell. Et Margaretæ uxori suæ unam peciam argenti coopertam, swared, signatam sub pede cum K. Item lego Isabellæ Sandford, filiæ meæ, unam ollam argenti vocatam le quarte. Item lego Aliciæ Bolton, filiæ meæ, unum spiceplate argenti, et duas ollas argenti vocatas potellpottes: quarum una signata cum scuto de septem barres, et cane et N et B; altera signata sub pede cum tali M signo, et unam peciam argenti coopertam cum uno knopp et leone supersidente ejusdem deaurato. Item lego Johannæ Wyspyngton unam peciam planam argenti coopertam cum uno chapellet de hawthorn et le knopp deaurato. Item lego Fratri Nicholao Wattre unum ciphum vocatum le nutt coopertum cum pede argenti stantem. Item lego Nicholao Blakburn, filio meo, x li. quas michi debet per scriptum suum obligatorium; et Roberto Blakburn, filio suo, decem marcas. Et Thomæ Blakburn decem marcas et unum coopertorium cum tapete de rubeo enbrowded cum chapellects et

stellis in eisdem ; unum par linthiaminum novum. Et Henrico Blakburn decem marcas. Et Christoforo Blakburn decem marcas. Et Agneti Blakburn decem marcas, et unam zonam ornatam cum octo barres et tribus teryngbarres argenti deauratis, et in le tusshewe swannes albas, unum lectum plumalem cum le bolster, unum par linthiaminum novum et unum lectum, videlicet, coopertorium cum tapete de rubio saye cum papejaes enbrouded, et curtinis rubiis et le testor ejusdem coloris. Et Aliciæ Blakburn, sorori suæ, decem marcas, unam peciam planam argenti coopertam cum uno knopp rotundo, unum lectum plumalem cum le bolster, unum par linthiaminum novum. Item lego Isabellæ Sandford, filiæ meæ, decem marcas quas michi debet. Et Johanni Sandford, filio suo, decem marcas. Et Katerinæ, uxori suæ, unam peciam planam coopertam argenti cum rotulo scripto **Bien venir**. Et Edmundo Sandford decem marcas et unum gobbelet argenti. Et Nicholao Sandford decem marcas et unum gobbelet argenti. Et Henrico Sandford decem marcas et unum gobbelet argenti. Et Ricardo Sandford decem marcas. Et Willelmo Sandford decem marcas. Et Johannæ Sandford decem marcas et unam peciam planam argenti coopertam pounced, cum xij mensibus anni. Et Elizabethæ Sandford decem marcas, unum candelabrum argenti. Et Agneti Sandford decem marcas et unam parvam zonam cum sex barres argenti deauratis et enameld. Et Isabellæ Sandford decem marcas et unum monile vocatum Agnus Dei. Item lego Aliciæ Bolton, filiæ meæ predictæ, decem marcas. Et Johanni Bolton, filio suo, x li. et xij cocliaria argenti signata cum **R.** et **E.** Et Margaretæ Bolton x li. et unam peciam planam non coopertam ; unum coopertorium de blod del arraswerk cum ymaginibus in eodem cum tapete sibi pertinente et unum par linthiaminum de tribus webbes. Et Johannæ Bolton x li. et sex cocliaria argenti cum acornez deaurata. Et Agneti Bolton unum pouderbox argenti et unum monile auri ad modum rosæ. Et Isabellæ Bolton x li. et unum maser flat cum singula liga argenti deauratum et unam zonam cum octo barres argenti deauratam, et ymagine Dominæ nostræ in le pendaunt ejusdem. Et Elenæ Bolton x li. et unum maser cum ymagine Sanctæ Katerinæ vocat' Fronnce in fundo, et unam parvam zonam cum sex barres argenti deauratam et le pendaunt similiter rosæ. Item lego Johannæ Esyngwald unam peciam planam argenti non coopertam. Et Johanni Esyngwald, filio suo, xiij s. iiij d. Et Willelmo Esyngwald, fratri suo, xiij s. iiij d. Elenæ Wispyngton xiij s. iiij d. Et Elizabethæ Wispyngton, sorori suæ, xx s. Item lego Johannæ Ormeshede, filiæ Willelmi Ormeshede fratris mei, ad maritagium suum, decem marcas. Et duobus filiis Thomæ Blakburn xl s. equis porcionibus inter eos dividendos. Dompnæ Johannæ Spe-

nyngthorn vj s. viij d. et unum mantellum nigrum linatum cum bukeram, et unum capucium nigrum, et unum par precalium de jeete. Et Willelmo Blakburn xxvj s. viij d. Item lego Johanni Brandesby filio meo xiij s. iiij d. Monialibus Sancti Clementis in suburbiis Ebor. vj s. viij d. Monialibus de Essholt x s. Residuum vero omnium bonorum et utensilium meorum do et lego disposicioni executorum meorum disponendum prout in quadam cedula plenius continetur.

Codicillus.—In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Margareta Blakburn, relicta Nicholai Blakburn senioris, nuper civis et mercatoris Ebor. de utensilibus meis in testamento meo non legatis. Inprimis do et lego Nicholao Blakburn, filio meo, unam cistam circumligatam cum ferro in qua esse solebant argentea vasa mea, et unum quylte optimum. Item lego Briano Sandford unam cistam magnam planam cum rubeo pictam. Et Isabellæ uxori suæ aliam cistam minorem sculptam foris in modum fenestræ, unum spruce coffre, et unam mappam optimam diaperd cum rosis, et unam tuellam latam de amys werke, et sex nova quysshyns de gryffonne3, et unam magnam pelvim rotundam. Item lego Johanni Sandford unam parvam cistam cum viridi pictam, et unam pelvim vocatam counterfete cum lotorio. Et Katerinæ uxori suæ unam tuellam de twill cum nigris lyste3, quatuor ulnas et unam q^r^. longitudinis, et unum par linthiaminum de duobus webbes et dimidio. Et Johannæ Sandford unam mappam de opere Flandreæ et duas tuellas xviij ulnarum longitudinis, unum par linthiaminum, et unum coffer cum duobus claspe3 ferri. Et Edmundo Sandford unam pelvim counterfete cum lotorio. Et Nicholao Sandford unam pelvim counterfete cum lotorio. Et Elizabethæ Sandford unam mappam de twill, quinque ulnarum et unius q^r^. longitudinis, et unam tuellam quatuor ulnarum longitudinis minus le nale. Item lego Agneti Blakburn, filiæ Nicholai Blakburn filii mei, unam mappam planam quatuor ulnarum et dimidiæ longitudinis, et duas tuellas cum planis egges. Et Aliciæ Blakburn, sorori suæ, unam mappam de twill quatuor ulnarum et dimidiæ longitudinis, et unam tuellam quinque ulnarum et dimidiæ longitudinis, et aliam tuellam trium ulnarum longitudinis. Et Christofero Blakburn unam pelvim cum lotorio. Item lego Johanni Bolton seniori unam cistam circumligatam ferro stantem super quatuor rotas ferri. Et Aliciæ Bolton, uxori suæ, unam archam Flandrensem sculptam foris cum ymaginibus, unum parvum chaffor pro aqua, unum brasen morter, sex nova qwysshyns de gryffonnes, et sex qwysshynnes clathes de arraswerk. Item lego domino Johanni Fox capellano unum coopertorium de rubeo et albo cum tribus curtinis et testers eisdem pertinentibus, unam parvam pelvim rotundam et unum par linthiaminum. Item

lego Agneti Gudeale unam togam nigram furratam cum grey. Et Aliciæ Kyrkeby, filiæ Thomæ Kirkeby nuper de Eboraco mason, aliam togam nigram furratam cum tibiis agninis, unum kirtell, unum coopertorium cum tapett de blod textum cum arboribus et leonibus ac avibus, et unum par lodicium. Item lego Johannæ Escrik, servienti meæ, unum curtum collobum nigrum linatum, unum coopertorium de blodio et glauco, unum par linthiaminum novum, unum par lodicium, duas ollas æneas videlicet unam majorem at aliam minorem, unam patellam kilped, unam pelvim cum lotorio, et duas pelves parvas rotundas pro camera, sex qwysshyns de gaitez, unum kirtell optimum, unum frende furratum cum grey, et duo crispe covercheves et duo candelabra ænea. Item lego Johannæ Geddesson unum coopertorium cum tapeto lysted cum rubeo et blod ; unum par linthiaminum, et unum par lodicium. Item lego domino Johanni Fox supradicto duo candelabra ænea. Et Willelmo Revetor capellano unum magnum chaufor pro aqua, et unam parvam pelvim rotundam. Item lego Aliciæ Kirkeby predictæ, unum par linthiaminum secundarium. Et Margaretæ Wilson unum coopertorium cum tapete de rubio et blodio pulveratum cum rosis, et unum par linthiaminum. Et Aliciæ Meke unum coopertorium de murray et glauco, et aliud coopertorium de rubio enbrouded cum le hauke. Et Johannæ Usburn unum coopertorium de rubio et blodio cum rosis intextis. Item lego cantariæ in capella Sanctæ Annæ super pontem Fosse in Eboraco, fundatæ per Nicholaum Blakburn nuper maritum meum, unum vestimentum de viridi, duos pannos pictos cum Salutacione et cortinis eisdem pertinentibus, et duos alios pannos adjaciendos inibi super summum altare. Item lego Johanni Fox et Johannæ Escrike predictis, tres pannos pictos de blodio et viridi cum avibus et rosis pictis in eisdem inter eos eque dividendos. 10 March, 1433.

Codicillus alius, 5 April 1435.—In quadam alta camera ad superiorem partem aulæ habitacionis Johannis Bolton civis et mercatoris Ebor. in Skeldergate. Volo quod executrices meæ ad perficiendum voluntatem mariti mei solvant fabricæ pontis de Kexby c^{li}., et fabricæ pontis de Cateryk c^{li}., sub condicionibus subscriptis ; videlicet, quod si illi qui habent gubernacionem dictorum pontium voluerint invenire sufficientem securitatem executricibus meis ac eciam quod hujusmodi pontes sint sufficienter in omnibus facti et plenarie fabricati infra terminum quatuor annorum proxime futurorum post mortem meam et sub istis condicionibus, volo quod dictæ executrices meæ solvant annuatim utrique fabricæ dictorum pontium, durante termino dictorum quatuor annorum, de dictis cc^{li}., xxv^{li}. : proviso semper quod porcio bonorum mariti mei sufficiat perimplere opera dictorum

pontium. Isabella Sandford et Alice Bolton filiæ meæ executrices. [*Pr.* 29 *April*, 1435.]

XXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI JOHANNIS GYLBY RECTORIS DE KNESALE.

Jan. 3, 1434-5. Ego Johannes Gylby,* rector ecclesiæ de Knesall—sep. in ecclesia de Knesale, in cancello ejusdem ecclesiæ, sub lapide marmoreo, quem ibi posui vivens pro sepultura mea, ubi eligo sepulturam meam, licet alibi me mori contigerit. Ecclesiæ de Knesale, præter donata in vita mea, unum Portiforium magnum et pulcrum de pleno usu Eboracensis ecclesiæ, librum qui vocatur Pupilla Oculi, Legendam Auream, unum parvum Psalterium cum Ympnario, et multis devotis orationibus, et unum vestimentum viride pro æstate. Item volo quod redditus duorum solidorum mihi debitorum de tenemento Johannis Waryn in Knesale cedat post mortem meam in usum ecclesiæ de Knesall; videlicet, ad invencionem lampadis in choro dictæ ecclesiæ, quolibet anno, xij d. Et pro anniversario meo perpetuo et Dirige et oblacione iiij d. et pro invencione cordarum ad campanas viij d. singulis annis imperpetuum. Item lego ecclesiæ de Harpeswell, ubi natus fui, et ubi pater meus jacet humatus, librum qui vocatur Johannes Beleth et xx s. ad orandum specialiter pro anima mea et pro anima patris mei et matris. Item lego ecclesiæ parochiali de Chestirfeld, ubi dudum fui vicarius, unam pixidem ornatam cum argento deauratam et fretted cum pervy, cum cruce in capite et pede de argento deaurata, pro corpore Christi conservando xx s. Item nolo sed omnino prohibeo quod aliquod convivium fiat die sepulturæ meæ nec post, sed tantummodo expendantur in pane et cervisia et caseo xx s. et nulla omnino pomposa solempnitas Abbatum, Priorum et generosorum die sepulturæ meæ nec alio tempore, sed dummodo, ut mortis est pactum, cedat cinis cineri, et anima mea in Dei manum; confidens ad celestem transeat mansionem. Item lego domino Roberto Stanhopp militi, meum parvum Missale de usu Eboracensi.

Codicillus, 24 Jan. 1434.—Domino Ricardo Stanhopp militi, quatuor quysshyns blodii coloris cum plumis, et novam cathedram quietis. Henrico Stanhopp meas trussyng coffers. Thomæ Stanhopp meam peciam meliorem de argento; et meam aliam peciam debiliorem lego Jacobo fratri suo. Elizabethæ Stanhopp, sorori suæ, blodiam togam furratam cum byse, et meam nigram zonam

* A Nottinghamshire clergyman, who makes a very sensible and interesting will. He appears to have been connected with the family of Stanhope, and was probably himself a scion of no mean house.

de serico cum barre3 deauratis. Katerinæ, sorori suæ, meam nigram togam furratam cum pelour. Dulciæ Draycote meum lectum viridis coloris, coverlett, testor cum tribus curtinis et dimidio, meam cistam ferro ligatam, ij. pilous meliores et duos cultellos de cipres. Johanni Face, vicario de Rampton, meam zonam ornatam cum argento. Domino Ricardo Reydon, capellano domini Roberti Stanhopp militis, meum pilche de bever. Item lego x li. capellanis cantariæ domini Thomæ Haxey de Suthwell et xx li. quas dominus Henricus Perpoynt miles * debet michi per obligacionem. Datum apud Hoghton. Item lego Willelmo Gilby nepoti meo, v li. et Margaretæ sorori suæ v li. [*Prob.* 12 *May*, 1435.]

XXXIX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BEVERLEY CIVIS ET MONYMAKER CIVITATIS EBOR.

Oct. 31, 1435. Ego Johannes Beverley,† civis Ebor. Agneti, uxori meæ, unam peciam argenti cum coopertorio, cujus pedes factæ sunt ad formam leonum. Roberto, filio meo, unum baslardum et unum brasoure ornatum cum argento. Margaretæ, filiæ meæ, unam peciam argenti coopertam habentem in summitate ejus unam fawcon. Johanni Beverley, consanguineo meo, diacono, unam togam coloris viridis penulatam cum calabre, et unam zonam albam cum argento ornatam. Elenæ Collom sorori meæ xx s. et unam togam, precii vj s. viij d. Willelmo Collom unam togam diversorum colorum, videlicet, de sangwyn et musterdevilere3, penulatam cum pulanis, cum uno capucio stragulato cum panno rubio aptato. [*Prob.* 27 *Nov.* 1435.]

XL. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI RUSSELL CIVIS ET MERCATORIS EBOR.

Decemb. 1, 1435. Ego Ricardus Russell, civis et mercator Eboracensis‡—corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia mea paro-

* Of Holme Pierrepoint, co. Notts, the head of a great and wealthy family, of which Thoroton gives a somewhat obscure pedigree. He died without a will, and on the 3rd of November, 1453, Margaret his widow and John his son administered to his effects.

† Another money-maker. The will of his father-in-law, John Esyngwald, has been already given, and the testator in all probability succeeded him in his place. The family of Beverley arose to some wealth and eminence in York. The pieces of plate which the testator mentions were probably the work of his own hands.

‡ The will of this great merchant gives us a fair, and at the same time a very favourable, picture of the wealth of the metropolitan city of the north at the time. Commerce, which has since enriched the towns of Leeds, Bradford, Halifax, and Sheffield, at this time of comparatively little importance, was now seated at York,

chiali Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in Hundgate in Eboraco. Rectori dictæ ecclesiæ meæ parochialis prædictæ pro mortuario meo optimum pannum meum cum capucio pro corpore meo talliato. Et eidem rectori ad orandum pro anima mea c s. Et volo quod campanile ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Baptistæ perficiatur, secundum quod opus inde incipiatur, de expensis meis, per supervisum Johannis Cotom cementarii. Et volo quod Johannes Bolron carpentarius faciat unum ostium, unam scalam, et totum meremium pro campanis pendendis in campanili prædicto, et quod campanæ sint pendentes in campanili predicto. Et quod dicta ecclesia sit ornata infra, secundum quod in æstate proxima futura convenit ecclesiæ prædictæ. Et quod unum altare fiat bene et effectualiter de tabulis, in parte boriali dictæ ecclesiæ, coram ymaginibus Beatæ Mariæ et Sanctæ Annæ, et subtus idem altare unum almarriolum pro libris et vestimentis eidem altari pertinentibus fideliter conservandis. Et quod unum aliud altare fiat sufficienter ex parte australi dictæ ecclesiæ, coram ymaginibus Sanctarum Katerinæ et Mariæ Magdalenæ, secundum formam alterius altaris supradicti. Et quod tres fenestræ novæ lapideæ in ecclesia predicta sint vitriatæ et perimpletæ in æstate proxima futura, meliori modo quo poterint, secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Et lego custodibus fabricæ dictæ ecclesiæ et successoribus suis, ad deserviendum in dicta ecclesia Sancti Johannis Baptistæ predictæ imperpetuum, unum chesable, unum alb de gris fustiane steyned cum signis, et unum chesable, duas tunaklis de nigro arras pulverizatas cum auro de Luke, et unam sectam cum le3 tunaklis, duos chesables, et unam capam pulverizatam cum stellis aureis cum uno frontello et uno panno pro

Beverley, and Hull, and at no place perhaps was it in a more thriving state than in York. Few ancient cities could, at this time, show a larger number of companies and gilds for the advancement of trade, and in few cities was there a closer union between commerce and religion. York in the olden days was rich beyond description in churches and in religious and charitable institutions, for which she was principally indebted to the piety and munificence of her merchants. The testator, who appears to have taken a high place among the merchant princes of the city, was brought up in his youth in the monastery at Durham, and the legacy which he leaves to it in his will shows that he still remembered the place of his nurture. From one or two notices in his will we may infer that his wealth was derived from the sale of wool, and he was probably connected with that great company of merchants who formed the staple at Calais, and who were so intimately connected with the city of York. In 1412 he was one of the sheriffs for the city, and in the years 1421 and 1430 he was elected to the office of mayor. He lived in Hungate, and was buried in the church of St. John in that street. The church of St. John, of which we have such valuable notices in the will before us, is now entirely destroyed. It was probably pulled down in 1586, when the Act of Demolition, which was passed in the first year of Edward VI., was carried into effect. The district belonging to it, together with that of St. Andrew's, was then united to St. Saviour's. The chantry, which was founded in this church by the testator, was afterwards augmented by the piety of another wealthy merchant, who was apparently related to its founder, John Thirsk. The yearly value of the chantry at the Dissolution was 6*l.* per annum.

altari ejusdem sectæ, cum duobus aliis altarclothes et duobus meis corpraxis, et unum aliud nigrum vestimentum de rubio de auro de Cipres, videlicet, unum chesable, duos tunacles et unam capam cum pertinentiis; et unam magnam Antiphonariam notatam, quæ incipit tercio folio *Seph nuncia;* et unam Legendam in duobus libris secundum usum et ordinale Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis, quorum primus liber incipit secundo folio, *per aliter fieri;* et secundus liber incipit tercio folio *mittit servicio:* et duo Gradalia notata, quorum unum majus, quod incipit tercio folio, *Quem Joseph;* et aliud minus, quod incipit tercio folio *Intende qui.* Et unum aliud novum Gradale notatum quod incipit tercio folio *potenciam;* et unum librum notatum de Invitatoriis cum Versibus et Collectis cum Processionario in eodem pro festis principalibus; et unum magnum Missale pro summo altari, quod incipit secundo folio post kalendare, *meus egressus;* et unum calicem cum patena, et unum cocliar argentatum et deauratum cum duabus phiolis argenteis, sub hac condicione, videlicet, quod capellanus parochialis, qui pro tempore ibidem fuerit, oret specialiter et oneret omnes parochianos ibidem singulis diebus dominicis, tempore precum, specialiter ad orandum pro anima mea, ac anima Petronillæ* nuper uxoris meæ, parentum, benefactorum meorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, in pulpito dictæ ecclesiæ imperpetuum. Et lego custodibus fabricæ ecclesiæ parochialis Sancti Salvatoris in Civitate predicta c s. Et lego xl lb. ceræ in tribus cereis conficiendis et circa corpus meum comburendis die sepulturæ meæ tempore exequiarum mearum. Et xlviij s. ad emendum duodecim torch, precii cujuslibet iiij s. ad ardendum ad hujusmodi exequias. Et volo quod octo eorum incombusti dentur summo altari, duo altari Beatæ Mariæ, et duo altari Sanctæ Katerinæ in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta, ad ardendum ibidem tempore elevacionis Corporis Christi. Et lx s. ad emendum pannum pro pauperibus, tenentibus torch tempore exequiarum mearum. Et ad distribuendum pauperibus et egenis de tempore decessus mei antequam corpus meum fuerit humatum xx marcas.

* Petronilla, the wife of the testator, made her will 25th March, 1434, and ordered her body to be buried in the church of St. John in the Marsh (of Hungate). She leaves to the nuns of the house of Marrick, viz. to Dame Agnes Wensley, 20*s.*; to the Prioress, 2*s.*; to Dame Joan Colvell, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to Dame Joan Blaxton, 6*s.* 8*d.*; and to the other sisters of the said house, 12*d.* each; to her cousin (consanguineæ) De la Ryver, 6*s.* 8*d.*; to the church of Brompton, four torches of the value of 40*s.*; to Petronilla Thresk, her goddaughter, one chaplet "de perill" and her best beads of coral, with gaudes of gold. She also mentions her sister Elizabeth Birkhede, and makes her master and spouse, Richard Russell, her executor. [*Prob.* 12 *July*, 1435.] From one or two notices in this will, as well as in that of her husband, the Russells seem to have been connected with Richmondshire, and it is rather singular that the Blackburns appear to have migrated to York from the same district.

Et ad distribuendum pauperibus cæcis et languidis, in lectis suis jacentibus et exire non valentibus, in civitate et suburbiis Ebor. x li. Et ad distribuendum pauperibus hominibus et mulieribus larem tenentibus in parochia Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, Sancti Salvatoris, et Omnium Sanctorum in Marisco, ubi major apparebit elemosina, secundum discrecionem executorum meorum, xx marcas. Et ad distribuendum pauperibus hominibus et mulieribus, larem tenentibus et habentibus, in omnibus aliis parochiis in civitate et suburbiis Ebor., secundum discrecionem executorum meorum, xx li. Et pro expensis meis funeralibus faciendis, tam die sepulturæ meæ quam octavo die, l li. Et cuilibet capellano continue celebranti in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta ad exequias meas interessenti ij s. Clerico meo parochiali iij s. iiij d. Et Thomæ nuper clerico parochiali meo, iij s. iiij d. Et cuilibet capellano celebranti in ecclesiis parochialibus, et in capellis in civitate Eboraci et suburbiis ejusdem, xij d.; unde soluti cuilibet, iiij d. Et cuilibet clerico parochiali in eisdem vj d. Et cuilibet subclerico iiij d. Ita quod capellani predicti cum clericis devote cantent vel dicant officium mortuorum in ecclesiis suis parochialibus et capellis, pulsatis campanis suis, pro anima mea ac anima Petronillæ nuper uxoris meæ, parentum, benefactorum nostrorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum. Et cuilibet leproso in quatuor domibus leprosorum in suburbiis Ebor., v s. Et cuilibet Masendieu in civitate et suburbiis Ebor. x s. Et ad distribuendum pauperibus, continue in infirmaria hospitalis Sancti Leonardi Ebor. in noctibus jacentibus, quinque marcas. Et cuilibet ordini Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor., ad celebrandum et specialiter orandum pro anima mea, ac anima Petronillæ predictæ nuper uxoris meæ, et omnibus animabus supradictis, x li. Et fabricæ novæ fenestræ vitriæ super ostium vestibuli in monasterio Beati Petri Ebor. viij li., et monialibus de Marryk, ad orandum pro anima mea ac anima Petronillæ nuper uxoris meæ, et omnibus animabus supradictis, decem marcas. Et Priori et Conventui de Doresme, ad orandum pro anima mea ac anima Petronillæ nuper uxoris meæ predictæ, ac omnibus animabus predictis, et in plenam recompensacionem sustentacionis quam ibidem habui tempore juventutis meæ, decem marcas. Et Abbati et Conventui de Newsom, ad celebrandum officium mortuorum in ecclesia sua, pro anima mea ac anima Petronillæ nuper uxoris meæ, et omnibus animabus supradictis xl s. Et Conventui de Halystane c s. eadem condicione. Et fratri magistro Johanni Rikall, ordinis Fratrum Minorum Ebor., xl s. Et magistro fratri Willelmo Neseham vj s. viij d. Et cuilibet alii fratri magistro in quatuor ordinibus in civitate Ebor. vj s. viij d. Et volo quod Henricus frater meus habeat annuatim quinque marcas, durante vita sua.

Eufemiæ Russell, filiæ predicti Henrici fratris mei, xl li. Et cuilibet alio puerorum dicti Henrici fratris mei c s. Et volo quod Henricus filius suus junior sit sustentatus per executores meos, quousque pervenerit ad ætatem octodecim annorum, si voluerit racionabiliter secundum discrecionem Johannis Threske gubernari. Roberto Russell, filio Johannis Russell* fratris mei, ad exhibendum ipsum ad scolas in universitate Oxoniensi, xxx li. Elizabethæ Russell sorori dicti Roberti xx li. Petronillæ filiæ Johannis Threske ad ejus maritagium xx li. Elizabethæ sorori Christianæ† nuper uxoris Johannis Threske xx marcas. Et Roberto fratri Christianæ nuper uxoris Johannis Threske x li. Johannæ sorori meæ xl s. Ad distribuendum inter yconomos de Yorkes Walde de quibus emi lanam, xx li. Et simili modo inter yconomos de Lyndeshay x li. Dompnæ Agneti Wensley, moniali de Marryk, xl s. Willelmo Driffeld, militi, nuper de Ebor., taillior, xl s. Reparacioni pontium et calcetorum ubi major apparebit elemosina infra decem leucas circa civitatem Ebor. xx marcas. Johanni Matester‡ de Ebor. capellano xl s. Et Willelmo Horseley x li. Reclusæ in cimiterio ecclesiæ Sanctæ Margaretæ Ebor. quinque marcas, et reclusæ in cimiterio Sanctæ Elenæ in Fisshergate in Ebor., quinque marcas. Et reclusæ in cimiterio Omnium Sanctorum in Northstrete in Eboraco, xl s. Priorissæ et Conventui Sancti Clementis Ebor., quinque marcas. Priori et Conventui Sancti Andreæ Ebor. c s. Monachis reclusis apud Hull quinque marcas. Monachis reclusis apud Montem Graciæ quinque marcas. Cuilibet ordini Fratrum Mendicancium infra Comitatum Ebor. xxvj s. viij d. Cuilibet domini monialium in eodem Comitatu xx s. Johanni Turnor capellano lxx marcas, ad orandum et celebrandum pro anima mea ac anima Petronillæ predictæ, nuper uxoris meæ, ac animabus parentum, benefactorum nostrorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum per decem annos integros proxime post decessum meum in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta. Et insuper volo et ordino quod idem dictus Johannes Turnor habeat et preferatur ad cantariam per me faciendam, si

* John Russell, citizen and merchant, of York, makes his will 3rd October, 1443, and leaves his body to be buried in the church of St. Mary the Elder, near the tomb of Joan Russell, his mother. He leaves four marks to buy two large candlesticks of laton for the use of the said church; to Margaret Gascogn, daughter of John Bolton, alderman, a new coverlet. He also gives full power to Philip Best, of Calais, merchant, and Richard Lematon, citizen and merchant of York, to sell all the goods and merchandise which he has at Calais.

† Christiana wife of John Thresk, who was probably a sister of the testator, made her will 5th July, 1434. She leaves to her sister, Elizabeth Gamyll, her gown of murray, with fur "de grayn;" to Joan, her husband's sister, her gown of "sadbukeshorn grene;" and to Emmot Sheffeld a kirtle of "mustardevelers."

‡ His will is dated die Veneris before the Feast of St. Michael the Archangel, 1446. He directs himself to be buried in the church of St. Saviour's, York, before the image of St. Thomas the Martyr.

sit bene et honeste gubernatus in futuris, quandocumque fieri contigerit. Willelmo Yorke de Berwyke et uxori ejus filiæ Johannis Barker, x li. Et volo quod omnia terra et tenementa mea, quæ nuper habui ex dono et feoffamento Johannis Newland, civis et aurifabri Ebor., in Davygate et super cornerium ejus versus Stanegate, amortizentur pro una cantaria de eis facienda in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta, quod dictus Johannes capellanus meus preferatur ad cantariam eandem. Et volo quod executores mei emant michi certa terras et tenementa ad valorem undecim vel duodecim marcarum per annum, vel quendam annualem redditum octo marcarum sterlingorum per annum, ad faciendum inde unam cantariam—ita omnino quod predictus dominus Johannes eligat de cantariis supradictis, et quod celebret ad altare Beatæ Mariæ et Sanctæ Annæ in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta. Gildæ Corporis Christi in Eboraco xl s. Elizabethæ Russell predictæ totum statum meum in quatuor tenementis in Walmegate. Johanni Threske predicto totum capitale mesuagium meum.

Codicillus.—1 Dec. 1435. Elenæ uxori Johannis Thresk unam peciam argenti cum coopertorio deaurato ad modum calicis confectam. Volo quod executores mei emant unam petram marmoriam ad ponendum supra corpus meum et corpus Petronillæ nuper uxoris meæ in ecclesia mea parochiali, ubi corpora nostra sunt sepulta. Volo quod ex firmis, etc., capitalis mesuagii mei unus capellanus ydoneus et honestus ad continue divina celebrandum in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta per triginta annos a tempore mortis meæ inveniatur pro anima mea, anima Petronillæ nuper uxoris meæ predictæ, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum. [*Pr.* 10 *Dec.* 1435.]

XLI. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI HAYTON.

August 19, 1435. Ego Willelmus Hayton—sep. in ecclesia Prioratus de Charcumbe, in comitatu Northampton. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes magis indigentes quinque marcas. Item lego libros meos, qui sunt materiæ moralis, dividendos et tradendos ecclesiis in quibus fui beneficiatus. Item lego Ricardo Hayton xl li. Item volo quod quadraginta libræ, quas mutuatus fui de Roberto Whityngham, uno Aldermannorum civitatis London., persolvantur de bonis meis propriis, ita quod dictus Ricardus nullo modo cum precedente mutuo oneretur. Ricardo Bokeland unum sperver de serico cum pales viridibus. Item Johannæ uxori dicti Ricardi, Missale meum, et unum ciphum argenti stantem cum coopertura. Item lego Portiforium meum dandum cuidam sacerdoti pauperi idoneo et devoto ad orandum pro anima mea

etc. Johanni Shresbury xx marcas. Residuum—ad exhibendum pro termino octo annorum in universitate Oxoniensi pauperes capellanos qui, antequam ad exhibicionem per executores meos admittantur, sint in artibus baccalarii, ad gradum ulteriorem in eisdem ingressuri; recipiatque eorum quilibet similiter annis termini antedicti centum solidos ad suam annualem pensionem—Ricardus Hayton, Dominus Christoforus vicarius de Markham et Johannes Shrewsbury executores. Ricardus Bokeland supervisor. [*Prob.* 31 *May*, 1436.]

XLII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS NAWTON DE GRYMSTON ARMIGERI.

1436. Ego Johannis Nawton* armiger—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Nicholai de Grymston, coram altari Beatæ Mariæ Virginis. Item lego optimum averium nomine mortuarii. Item lego xiij lb. ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Petri Eboracensis ij s. Item lego fratri Ricardo ordinis Carmelitarum vj s. viij d. pro trentali. Item lego Willelmo † filio meo seniori, unum ciphum coopertum cum argento, unam murram, quæ vocatur cossyn, unum cornu coopertum de argento cum tribus cocliariibus argenti. Eciam lego Johanni ‡ filio meo unum cornu parvum argenti, unam crateram coopertam de argento pro dulci vino, et tria cocliaria de argento. Item lego Roberto filio meo unum cornu de argento, et unam crateram coopertam de argento cum tribus cocliariibus de argento. Item lego Ricardo filio meo duas crateras, unam parvam murram, tria cocliaria de argento cum uno parvo cornu de argento. Item lego Georgio filio meo duas singulas crateras, unum parvum cornu de argento cum tribus cocliariibus argenti. Insuper lego unum vestimentum integrum ad summum altare prefatæ ecclesiæ parochialis. Item lego pro anima Aliciæ uxoris meæ prefato Ricardo

* A Yorkshire family of some antiquity and distinction.

† William Nawton of Grimston, near Settrington, Esq., the son of the testator, by his will, dated March 19, 1453, desires to be buried before the altar of the Blessed Mary Virgin, in the chapel attached to the parish church of Grimston. To John Kendale, perpetual vicar of Grimston, as well for my forgotten tithes as to pray for me, my best oxe; to John Nawton, my son and heir, all my goods which descended to me of inheritance, viz. my arms and warlike array, a covered cup of silver called the standing piece, with an image of the Blessed Virgin on the summit, a cup by name a masour, called from old time "cosyn," one brass pott called "bell," one pan containing thirty-four gallons of water, two boards called "dormonds," one "massefatt," and one "lead," to him and his heirs for ever; to Henry my son my coat of defence, called "le jakke;" the rest to Catherine my wife, Robert Nawton my brother. [*Prob.* 22 *June*, 1454.]

‡ John Nawton, sen., makes his will on the 14th of October, 1446. He mentions his son Sir John de Nawton and his mother, his daughters Alice and Margaret, and his wife Margaret. To his son and heir Robert Nawton he leaves 10*l.*

Hayton vj s. viij d., et hoc pro trentali. Item lego tribus ordinibus Fratrum de Scardeburgh pro trentali xxx s. Ac eciam Fratribus Carmelitis et Augustinianis Ebor. xx s. Residuum—Willelmo, Johanni, Roberto, Georgio et Ricardo prædictis filiis meis, quos constituo executores meos. [*Pr.* 9 *March*, 1436–7.]

XLIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS KILBURN JANITORIS MONASTERII BEATÆ MARIÆ EBOR.

Dec. 11, 1436. Ego Johannes Kilburn,* janitor Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Ebor.—sep. infra Monasterium predictum. Item lego xij lb. ceræ comburendas circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego meum optimum indumentum nomine mortuarii mei. Sacristæ Monasterii predicti pro sepultura mea vj s. viij d. Fabricæ ecclesiæ Sancti Olavi xx d. Item lego xiij s. iiij d. ad distribuendum inter Conventum Monasterii predicti. Residuum Agneti uxori meæ. [*Prob.* 26 *May*, 1437.]

XLIV. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI THOMÆ DAUTREE DE EBORACO CLERICI.

In Dei nomine, Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Thomas de Alta Ripa,† clericus Eboracensis, sanus composque mentis et corporis, benedicto Altissimo, existens, ac perpendens statum condicionis humanæ fragilem et caducam, volensque propterea periculis et dispendiis verisimilibus instantis temporis plus solito imminentibus prout michi datum fuerit desuper caucius precavere, et animæ meæ saluti consultius providere; et quamdiu

* The porter at the gate of St. Mary's Abbey. There is no show about his will, and nothing can be more simple than its arrangements. His piety dictates the bequest to the monastery, and the sacrist, who probably makes his will, receives 6*s.* 8*d.* for his burial fee. To the neighbouring church of St. Olave's he leaves 20*d.*; the rest, with the exception of a friendly legacy to the convent, is left to his wife. The old gatehouse of the abbey is still standing: it retains its ancient form, but it is now occupied as a private dwelling-house. The present state of the ruins of the abbey does the greatest credit to the inhabitants of York.

† Of the parentage of this learned and accomplished gentleman I am completely ignorant. He was evidently a lawyer by profession; but, in addition to that learning and research which are necessary to secure a high legal fame, he seems to have made some advance in the gentler, and then rarely trodden, paths of literature and taste. This will is, without doubt, the composition of the testator himself, and the whole document, especially the preamble, reflects the greatest credit upon his good feeling and piety. It must be read with the will of his son John Dautre, which was made in 1458, and the two form a pair more really interesting and valuable than any perhaps that I have met with. Robert de Alta Ripa, a brother of the testator, was chantry priest at the altar of the Blessed Virgin in the church of the Holy Trinity, in Goodramgate, York. By his will, dated on the 7th of May, and proved on the 5th of November, 1429, he desires to be buried at the threshold of the porch of his parish church. He mentions his brother Mr. Thomas De Alta Ripa (the testator).

in corpore meo viget quies, ac racio mentem gubernat, inevitabile mortis debitum prevenire, et de bonis michi a Deo collatis pro me et meorum salute et remedio animarum salubriter providere, antequam mors ipsa rabida, quæ nemini mortalium parcit, me subtrahat ab hac luce; invocata Spiritus Sancti gratia, testamentum meum sive meam ultimam voluntatem condo et facio in hunc modum. Inprimis lego et commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Creatori et Redemptori meo, sub proteccione gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ ejusdem genetricis; corpusque sive cadaver putridum pulvere sepeliendum in ecclesia mea parochiali coram altari Sanctæ Trinitatis supra corpus Isabellæ* uxoris meæ.—Item lego unam peciam coopertam, vocatam le collok, ecclesiæ meæ parochiali, ad inde faciendum unam coupam sive pixidem pro corpore Christi supra summum altare ponendam et honesto modo deaurandam.—Item lego Petronillæ† sorori meæ optimam togam meam penulatam post mortuarium meum, et decem marcas argenti, et unam peciam coopertam debiliorem cum armis meis in summitate ejusdem. Item lego unam peciam coopertam, dudum legatam per uxorem meam, in cujus summitate scribitur hoc nomen IHC domui Cartusianæ de Hull; et volo quod dicta pecia honestissimo modo mundetur et circa cooperculum ejusdem scribantur hæc verba deaurata, **Orate pro animabus Magistri Thomæ Dautre et Isabellæ consortis suæ.** Item lego Hugoni Gill unam togam penulatam pro equitatura ordinatam, et collobum meum. Item lego Agneti sorori meæ unam togam meam mustardevilers penulatam, et xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Elizabethæ nepti meæ unam togam de nigro penulatam. Item lego domino Johanni Midelton unum librum meum vocatum Chebham. Item lego Johannæ sorori meæ unam togam viridem penulatam, ac unum bonum coverlectum, et xx s. Item lego domino Willelmo Betson capellano unum librum de Viciis et Virtutibus, et zonam meam stipatam, cum parvo ensiculo meo. Item lego eidem domino Willelmo xx s. ad disponendum pro salute animæ meæ, prout alias intencionem meam eidem plenius declaravi; ac unam pixidem de cupro. Item lego altari Sanctæ Trinitatis in ecclesia mea predicta unum vestimentum, quod de novo emi, una cum alba, amita, stolis, ac pannis quos alias de antiquo ordinavi pro dicto altari, pro animabus mei et

* She died in the lifetime of her husband. Her son John administers to her effects on the 26th of May, 1437.

† Wife of Hugh Gill, citizen and lately fuller of York. Her will is dated on 4th June, 1437, and in it she wishes to be buried in the churchyard of St. Mary the Elder, York. She leaves to Hugh her husband 10 marks, one covered piece of silver, and her best gown, "penulatam," which Mr. Thomas Dawtree, clerk, her brother, bequeathed to her by his will. The will of her husband Hugh Gill was made on the 26th of July following. In it he leaves his wife's bequest to Robert Belton, citizen and apothecary.

uxoris meæ ibidem pro perpetuo remansuris. Item lego Johanni Dautree filio meo dilecto, melius lectum meum, unam tapetem cum coopertorio in qua scripta est una aquila. Item lego eidem Johanni librum meum Bonaventuræ, et librum meum de Gestis Trojanorum, meliorem librum de Gestis Alexandri, quaternam meam de Cronicis, librum parvum vocatum Scropp, librum de Arte Kalendarii et Psalterium meum; cistam meam meliorem cum ferro ligatam et lectum meum cum sole, unam furruram, quæ fuit uxoris meæ, et quam ipsa rogabat me uti pro amore suo. Item lego Margaretæ filiæ meæ unum uche de auro, et lectum meum de cerico, ac Primarium meum, et optimam murram meam coopertam. Item lego generoso Alexandro filio meo unum coller deauratum de corrodio Domini Regis. Item lego tria maseria dividenda inter Willelmum, Eustachium et Isabellam, filios meos, ita quod Isabella habeat meliorem maser. Item Johanni Saxton clerico meo tria registra, videlicet C. D. F. et unum librum de Bello Trojanorum et unam parvam peciam planam. Item lego Willelmo Bernyngham, nuper clerico meo, unum registrum D. et alium librum vocatum Francisci Petrarcæ laureati, et unum par precularium de lambre, ac eidem remitto debitum quod michi debet.—Item volo quod liber meus vocatus Pupilla Oculi cum cathena ferrea fortiter affigatur in stallo quo sedere solebam pro expedicione omnium capellanorum.—Item volo et exhortor in visceribus Jhesu Christi et benediccione mea quod Johannes filius meus dilectus illa tenementa, quæ habui ex dono et feoffamento Johannis Dodyngton, vendat, et quod illa pecunia disponatur discrete pro anima mea, et anima Isabellæ uxoris meæ, et aliorum quibus maxime teneor.—Johannes filius meus, dominus Robertus Semer camerarius, et magister Johannes Saxton clericus meus, executores. Datum Ebor. in festo Sancti Johannis Beverlaci Anno Domini 1437. [*Prob.* 6 *June*, 1437.]

XLV. TESTAMENTUM ELENÆ WELLES DE EBORACO.

Sep. 14, 1437. Elena Welles *—sep. in ecclesia Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Ebor., vel ad disposicionem domini Willelmi† Roffensis Episcopi, filii mei. Item lego nomine mortuarii mei unam togam nigram furratam de poleyngray. Item lego xiij lb. ceræ pro candelis comburendis circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego xx s. distribuendos pauperibus die sepulturæ meæ.

* A York lady, who had a bishop for her son. Her will contains some interesting bequests.

† William Wells was consecrated Bishop of Rochester on Palm Sunday, 1436. He did not hold his sacred office for any length of time, as his will was proved on the 14th of May, 1444. It was dated on the 7th of February preceding.

Domino Willelmo Roffensi episcopo, filio meo, unum coffir de spruce, duos crateres quorum unum cum coopertorio, duas murras argento ligatas et deauratas, sex cocliaria argenti, unum salsarium argenti, unum pouderbox argenti, unum par precularium de laumbre, unam tabulam mensalem de pruce, unam mappam mensalem, cum duobus towels de diaper, unum coopertorium lecti viride cum uno tapette couchedd cum uno leone et diversis avibus et foliis, unum par lodicium, duo paria linthiaminum, sex whysshins viridis coloris couched et unum banquer de eadem secta, unum lectum et unum tapetem rubeum cum cervis embrowded et xx. marcas. Item do et lego domino Johanni Belamy unam zonam argenti. Item presbitero parochiali ecclesiæ Sancti Olavi iij s. iiij d. Item clerico parochiali ejusdem ecclesiæ vj d. Item lego duos torches precii vj s. viij d. ecclesiæ de Alne ad ardendum ibidem coram corpore Christi tempore celebracionis missæ majoris ad majus altare ejusdem ecclesiæ. Item Johannæ Thorp de Rasskell unum flammeolum de lawne. Item fratri Thomæ London monacho duas ulnas et dimidiam panni de lire. Item do et lego Aliciæ Beverley unum coopertorium, unum par blanketts, unum par linthiaminum, et unum volet de lawne vel de renys. Item Elenæ, filiæ ejusdem, unum chargeor, tres dublers, tres discos de pultro, unum coopertorium, unum par blanketts, unum par linthiaminum, unam ollam æream continentem tres lagenas et unam patellam ejusdem quantitatis. Et Agneti Yreshey unam togam duplicem de nigro de lire et unam archam sive cistam. Item Margaretæ Lovell unum flammeolum de lawne. Et Elizabethæ Lamplogh unam pelvim de auricalco, et unum lavacrum. Item Aliciæ Crosseby unam pelvem minorem et unum lavacrum de auricalco, unam ollam lagenariam æream, et unam cistam. Item Roberto Grene unum annulum aureum cum ymagine Trinitatis et Beatæ Mariæ. Item Willelmo Midelton, clerico, unum testor blodii cum cervo couchedd et cum racione * **Auxilium meum a Domino.** Item Marionæ Tymwyk unum flammeolum panni linei. Item Elenæ filiæ lotricis, unam novam togam de russeto. Item fratri Johanni Orwell monacho unum annulum aureum cum lapide viridi sive blodio. Residuum—pro salute animæ meæ. Exec. Dominus Willelmus Episcopus Roffensis filius meus.—Frater Thomas London monachus Ebor., Dominus Johannes Belamy vicarius de Hornesee et Magister Willelmus Middelton clericus supervisores. [*Pr.* 2 *Oct.* 1437.]

* *Racio*, a motto, a descriptive inscription ; *vide* Wermouth Rolls.

XLVI. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI GRAY CIVIS ET DRAPOR EBOR.

Feb. 25, 1437-8. Robertus Gray,* civis et drapoure Ebor—sep. infra ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis Archangeli juxta pontem Use, juxta sepulcrum Aliciæ nuper uxoris meæ.—Roberto filio meo optimum meum gladium cum le chape de argento, optimum meum dagar cum argento ornatum, unum archum, xxiiij. sagittas, unam zonam de donned serico cum argento ornatam, optimum doblet meum et unum Carlele axe, unum salett. Ricardo filio meo unum gladium cum peltro, unum dagar ballokhefted cum argento ornatum. Katerinæ filiæ meæ unam peciam argenti flatt coopertam rasid cum uno rotundo boll; et volo quod habeat de legato matris suæ unam zonam cum argento per totum stipatum, duplicatum cum redelessh; optimum par precularium de curall cum uno anulo auri impresh cum una corona et cum duobus monilibus argenti annexis. Johannæ filiæ meæ unam peciam argenti ad modum calicis confectam coopertam stantem super tres leones.

XLVII. TESTAMENTUM MARGARETÆ BEKWITH DE TOLLESTON.

June 3, 1436. Margareta relicta Johannis Bekwith † de Tolleston—sep. in ecclesia Beati Andreæ de Newton Kyem.—Johanni filio meo seniori unum craterem argenti et unam penulam de croppe3. Uxori dicti Johannis unam zonam deauratam. Johannæ filiæ meæ unum craterem argenti, quæ vocatur Garton, unam zonam blodii deauratam, unam murram, unam sellam, unam crucem auream, unam penulam de putes, unum par precularium de aumber et unum Primarium. Agneti filiæ meæ unam coppam coopertam et unam zonam argenti, optimum lectum in domo mea, unum par precularium de curall, et unam penulam de byse. Roberto filio meo sex cocliaria argenti et unam zonam argenti et unum sparum. Johanni minori filio meo sex cocliaria argenti et unam pixidem argenti. Willelmo filio meo sex cocliaria argentea et unum saltsaler de argento. Johannæ Spenythorne unam murram de argento. Johanni Russell capellano meo unum Portatorium et melius vestimentum cum pertinentiis, et unum cocliar de argento. Uxori Willelmi Thomson unam zonam argenti et unum par precularium de laumbre.

* A tradesman of York, whose will contains some interesting bequests and words.

† Margaret, widow of John Beckwith of Tolleston, in the parish of Newton Kyme. The widely branching family of Beckwith has had more than one kindred spirit to compile its annals, and few houses have had their genealogy more carefully elaborated than that of Beckwith. John Beckwith of Tolleston, the husband of the testatrix, by his will, dated October 6, 1434, left his wife Margaret his executrix, and Guy Fairfax (the lawyer) the supervisor of his will.

Katerinæ Rocliff unum par precularium de gete. Ecclesiæ de Newton Kyeme unum Missall et unam calicem, unum vestimentum cum pertinentiis. Residuum Guydoni Farefaxe et Johanni Russell capellano, quos constituo executores meos. [*Pr.* 9 *June*, 1438.]

XLVIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CONYERS DE ORMESBY MILITIS.

June 2, 1438. Johannes Conyers de Ormesby* in Cliveland, miles—sep. in ecclesia parochiali de Ormesby, juxta corpus patris mei. Item lego vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ equum meum vocatum Lyarde Gisburn, nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego viij lb. ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ predictæ xx s.; et volo quod expensæ meæ funerales honestæ fiant penes discretionem executorum meorum. Roberti filio et heredi meo armaturam meum corpus meum concernentem—Alienoræ uxori ejusdem Roberti quatuor vaccas mulserias. Item lego pueris meis non promotis racionabilem partem bonorum meorum secundum consuetudinem patriæ. Item lego Fratribus de Yarome xx s. ad orandum pro anima mea. Item lego uni capellano idoneo et honesto ad celebrandum pro anima mea, parentum meorum, uxoris meæ, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, ad altare Beatæ Mariæ in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta, per unum annum proxime post decessum meum, septem marcas. Et volo quod executores mei reparari faciant altare et fenestras ibidem, et quod ymago Beatæ Mariæ, quæ stat super summum altare, ponatur super altare Beatæ Mariæ predictum. Residuum—pueris meis non promotis et Thomæ filio meo bastardo. Executores meos facio Magistrum Willelmum Helmesley vicarium ecclesiæ parochialis de Mersk, Christoforum Conyers† de

* The connection of the house of Conyers of Ormesby with the two powerful families of that name at Sockburn and Hornby has never been correctly ascertained. This will, however, furnishes much interesting information to the genealogist.

The testator, who administered to his father Sir Robert Conyers's effects 18 July, 1432, was the grandson of another Sir Robert Conyers of Ormesby, in right of his wife Juliana, the daughter and heiress of William Percy of Ormesby, Esq. He married, according to some memoranda in the handwriting of an early member of the Bowes family, Isabella, daughter of Sir Ralph Eure. His children were—Robert, who is mentioned with his wife in the present will. He died soon after his father, and John Fentres of Gisburn has a grant of the administration of his goods 18 June, 1439. Anne, daughter and heiress of Robert Conyers of Ormesby became the wife of James Strangeways. The names of two other of Sir John's children have occurred to me, Christopher and Henry. On the 10th of June, 1452, the administration of their effects is granted by the Archbishop of York to Sir William Eure, Knight, Robert Eure, Esq. Sir John Asfordby, master of the hospital in Bootham, and Hugh Forster of Witton in Weardale.

† Christopher Conyers of Hornby, the father of some twenty-five children who spread the name of Conyers through the counties of York and Durham, was, I am

Horneby et Johannem Moubray de Eseby. Hiis testibus, Cuthberto vicario de Ormesby, etc. [*Pr.* 14 *July*, 1438.]

XLIX. TESTAMENTUM ALIANORÆ ROOS DE EBOR.

July 17, 1438. Ego Alienora* Roos—sep. in ecclesia conventuali Beatæ Mariæ Virginis in Monte Graciæ. Item lego Priorissæ et Conventui ejusdem unam peciam argenti coopertam. Item lego Roberto Roos † chivalero unum Psalterium, et unum annulum auri, sub condicione quod ipse solvat, vel solvi faciat, executoribus meis illas sex marcas xj s. et ix d. quōs michi debet; et lego de summa predicta septem domibus Ordinis Cartusiani in Anglia septem nobilia equis porcionibus. Item uxori predicti Roberti Roos, unum librum Anglicum vocatum librum primum Magistri Walteri. Item lego dompnæ Elizabethæ Wodcok unum annulum aureum sanctificatum. Item lego Isabellæ Roos unum Primarium de Sancto Spiritu. Item lego dompnæ Agneti Roos unum par precularium de laumbre. Item Aliciæ Laton unum par precularium de laumbre cum uno crucifixo argenti. Item lego Roberto Roos ‡ unum librum de Passione Domini. Item uxori ejusdem Roberti unum librum de *Credo in Deum*. Item Isabellæ Man, famulæ meæ, lectum meum in quo jaceo cum omnibus pertinenciis, quinque cocliaria argenti, unum annulum auri

persuaded, the first cousin to the testator. His father Sir John, the founder of the lordly house of Hornby, was, I believe, a son of the elder Sir Robert Conyers of Ormesby, the grandfather of the testator. The relationship between the houses at Sockburne and Hornby is still an open question.

* A daughter of Sir Robert Roos of Ingmanthorp, who died in 1393. She is mentioned in his will, and in that of her brother Thomas. The house of Roos of Ingmanthorp is generally supposed to have been an offshoot from the great baronial line of Hamlake and Belvoir ; and, although this offshoot grew into a powerful and distinguished family, we are but little acquainted with its history. The present will, however, with the notes appended to it, will to a certain extent supply this want.

† Sir Robert Roos of Ingmanthorp, knight, the nephew of the testatrix, died in 1451, and Robert, his son and heir, administers to his effects on the 30th of October in that year. On the 8th of December, 1448, his daughter Alienor received licence from the Archbishop of York to marry Humphrey son of John Lord Dudley. They were related to each other in the fourth degree of consanguinity.

‡ Robert Roos of Ingmanthorp, Esq. son of Sir Robert Roos, and great-nephew to the testatrix. I append a translation in full of his will :—"In the name of God, Amen. Jan. 26, 1474-5. I, Robert Roos of Ingmanthorp, Esq.—to be buried in the parish church of Southdighton, before the altar of the Blessed Mary the Virgin in the choir, on the north side of the church. Also I bequeath one horse or oxe for my mortuary. To my parish church 13*s*. 4*d*. To the high altar of the same church 20*s*. for forgotten tithes. To the gild or fraternity of Corpus Christi 3*s*. 4*d*. To the fraternity of St. Christopher 3*s*. 4*d*. To the house of St. Robert near Knaresbro 3*s* 4*d*. To the friars of the order of Mendicants at York 6*s*. 8*d*. To the friars of the order of St. Francis 3*s*. 4*d*. To the friars of the order of St. Augustine 3*s*. 4*d*. To the friars of the order of Carmelites 3*s*. 4*d*. The residue of my goods, if there be any, I bequeath to Margaret my wife." Dated at Ingmanthorp, and proved at York on the 2d of June following.

cum particula Sanctæ Crucis, unum par tabellarum, unum annulum aureum nuper Ricardi Archiepiscopi Ebor., unam murram coopertam, cum una alia murra, unum dorsor cum banquer, sex qwysshyns, unum mortarium æreum, unum pestell de ferro, unam pelvim cum uno lavacro, unum chaufer, omnia cervicalia mea, unum lectum plumalem, omnia vasa mea electrina, &c. Johanni Roos armigero unum annulum aureum. Item dompnæ Johannæ Courtenay unum librum vocatum Maulde buke.—Johannes Roos armiger, Isabella Man et Johannes Mortymer executores mei. Datum Ebor. [*Pr.* 25 *July*, 1438.]

L. TESTAMENTUM MATILDIS DOMINÆ DE MALOLACU.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 1 Oct. 1438. Ego Matildis, Domina de Mauley,* compos mentis, condo, ordino et facio testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæ Mariæ et Omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliri in ecclesia Fratrum Prædicatorum de Scardeburgh, ad finem australem summi altaris, ubi legunt Evangelia. Item lego pro cera emenda ad comburendum circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ l s. Item lego pro una petra de marbill cum uno playte de copir vel de laton deaurato, secundum disposicionem executorum meorum, ad jacendum super sepulcrum meum, xx marcas. Item lego ad tecturam ecclesiæ dictæ Fratrum de Scardeburgh cum plumbo c. marcas. Item lego dictis Fratribus unum par thuribulorum argenti et deauratum, unum par phiolarum argenti, duo candelabra argenti et unum paxbrede argenti et deaurati, ad ministrandum in dicta ecclesia servicium divinum ad summum altare. Item lego dominæ Custanciæ Bigod † et domino

* Daughter of Ralph first Earl of Westmerland, and widow of Peter Lord de Mauley the eighth. After his death she is said to have remarried Sir Francis Goddard, and to have had by him a daughter Anne, who became the wife of Sir Brian Stapleton. Peter Lord Mauley the eighth was the last male representative of his illustrious family. He died in 1414, leaving no issue behind him to inherit the lands and honours of the lordly house of Mauley. His will, which has been printed in the first volume of the Testamenta Eboracensia, is dated at Mulgrave Castle, on the 5th of September, 3 Henry V., and in it he desires to be buried in the church of St. John at Bridlington. The vast possessions of his family passed away to his two aunts, Constance, who married Sir John Bigod of Settrington, and Elizabeth, the wife of Sir John Salvin of North Duffield. A third co-heir, Isabel, is mentioned in the Visitation as the wife of Richard Lindsey, but she must have died childless before the date of the present will. The cruel death of the youthful Arthur will in all probability be a lasting blot upon the scutcheon of the Mauleys. Be the tradition true or false, it is a somewhat singular fact that the descendants of the so-called murderer allied themselves by marriage with the noblest baronial houses in England. It is hardly credible that those princely barons who had striven so vigorously against the tyranny of their master would give their daughters to his minion, who was also the perpetrator of a crime which they regarded with so much abhorrence.

† Wife of Sir John Bigod of Settrington. She survived her husband, and made her will on January 1, 1449–50, in which she directs herself to be buried in the

Johanni Salvayn duas pecias cum coopertoriis suis argenti et deauratis, et volo quod dicta domina Custancia habeat primam eleccionem et meliorem. Item lego fratri Johanni Chatburn, ad celebrandum pro anima mea per quinque annos, videlicet, pro quolibet anno quinque marcas, annuatim sibi solvendas per executores meos. Et lego Willelmo Darell armigero meo c. marcas cum una cupa argenti et deaurati habente unam aquilam albam in summitate ejusdem. Item lego Ricardo Plompton * armigero meo x li. cum una pecia argenti. Item lego Roberto Crosse armigero meo x li. cum una pecia argenti. Item lego Elenæ Cross decem marcas cum cupa cooperta argenti et deaurati et cum coffris meis, cum toto le stuff infra eosdem, ad ordinandum et disponendum prout sibi placuerit. Item lego Canonicis de Bridlyngton unam peciam vocatam le Rosecup coopertam de argento, et unam peciam damasci, coloris viridis. Item lego dictis Fratribus de Scardeburgh duas togas singulas de nigro velvett sine furrura. Item lego Matildi de Crosse, ad maritagium suum, xx li. et unam togam de nigro lyre cum una furrura de graye. Item lego Aliciæ Exilby, ad maritagium suum, decem marcas et unam togam de nigro cum una furrura de martyns. Item lego Annæ Crosse, ad maritagium suum, decem marcas. Item lego Matildi Wansford, ad maritagium suum, c s. Item lego Willelmo de Butery servienti meo quinque marcas. Item lego Willelmo Edmundson servienti meo quinque marcas. Item lego Thomæ Bronnefeld senescallo meo c s. Item lego Johanni Huthome † armigero meo unam peciam coopertorio argenti vocatam Chalispece. Item lego

chancel of All Saints at Settrington. Her best animal (averium) for her mortuary to the rector of Birdsall. Another to the rector of Settrington. She leaves twenty pounds of wax to be burnt around her body. To the vicar of Grimston 20*s*. To the fabric of the Blessed Mary "in Charnell de Maltone" one zone worked (stipatam) with silver gilt. Another zone worked (stipatam) with silver and gilt to the fabric of the Blessed Mary at Doncaster. To Matilda Holand her maid 20*s*. For trentals to be celebrated for her soul by the brothers of the several orders 46*s*. 8*d*. To the fabric of Saint John at Bridlington 20*s*. The rest to Ralph Bigod her son.

* A younger son of Sir William Plumpton of Plumpton, knight, who was put to death for his share in his uncle Archbishop Scrope's rebellion. By his will, dated in 1443, he leaves his body to be buried in the church of the house of Saint Robert. To Master George Plumpton, his brother, he leaves a pyx of silver gilt, his little Psalter, a pair of knives called "karving knyves," and a pair of silver forcipes. He then bequeaths his black cloak furred with martins and a coverlet of red satin, and a canopy of white silk, to be sold, and the price to be distributed "pro salute *venerabilis dominæ, dominæ Matildis de Malolacu*." To Ellen Crosse his gold ring with a sapphire, a Primer covered with red satin, and ten beads, five of gold in the form of baskets, and five of agate. To Robert Crosse a silvered girdle. To Dame Elizabeth Plumpton his niece a gold crucifix. To Elizabeth Hothom a gold ring with an emerald. To Dame Isabel de Bukton a capital gold ring with two images. To Catherine his sister a gold cross. To Dame Elizabeth Hathom, recluse, 12*d*.—Plumpton Correspondence, xxiii. xxxiv.

† The Hothams were descended from a second son of an early Lord de Mauley, who took his name from the place at which he had taken up his residence. The gentleman, therefore, who is here mentioned, was probably a distant cousin of the family.

cuilibet valecto, qui fecit mihi servicium per septem annos, xl s. Et illi, qui non servierunt michi per septem annos, volo quod habeant remuneracionem secundum annos suos. Item lego cuilibet servienti meo de garcionibus meis, qui fecerunt michi servicium per septem annos, xx s. Et qui non servierunt michi per septem annos volo quod habeant remuneracionem secundum annos suos. Item lego Psalterium meum coopertum cum blodio velvett Willelmo Darell. Item lego Ricardo Plompton Psalterium meum nigrum. Item lego Roberto Crosse Psalterium meum rubeum. Item lego Magistro Georgio Plompton * unum par precularium de corall cum gaudiis aureis. Item lego unum broche auri et albi coloris capiti Sancti Willelmi Ebor. Item lego Henrico del Wardropp quinque marcas. Item lego Elenæ Crosse unam togam de nigro lyre cum una furrura de menyvere. Item lego pro mortuario meo meum optimum equum cum una sella. Item lego domino Symoni Strynger capellano meo xl s. Residuum—Willelmo Darell, Ricardo Plompton, Roberto del Crosse et Elenæ del Crosse executoribus meis. [*Pr.* 8 *Oct.* 1438.]

LI. TESTAMENTUM BEATRICIS LASCY DE HEDON IN HOLDERNES.

Jan. 24, 1438-9. Beatrix nuper uxor Willelmi Lascy † de Hedon in Holdernes—sep. in capella Sancti Augustini de Hedon. Johanni Benyngton de Hedon, Willelmo Molsecroft et Willelmo Henrison de eadem, mesuagium in villa de Hedon in via Sancti Augustini pro uno annuali obitu in capella Sancti Augustini predicti, pro anima mea et animabus Willelmi Lascy, nuper viri mei, Roberti Wyntryngham, nuper patris mei, et Katerinæ, nuper matris meæ.—Katerinæ, filiæ Adæ Wyntryngham de Hedon,

* A younger son of Sir William Plumpton, and brother of Richard Plumpton, Lady de Mauley's esquire. He was a bachelor-at-law, and was ordained sub-deacon by the Bishop of Ely in 1417. In 1438-9 he became rector of Grasmere in Cumberland, and in 1447 he was presented by Sir Thomas Chaworth to the rectory of Bingham in Nottinghamshire, which he held for two or three years, and then resigned it on account of his age and increasing infirmities. The remainder of his life was passed in the fair and secluded monastery of Bolton, and in 1459 he obtained permission from the Archbishop of York to have service celebrated for the use of himself and his servants within the walls of that monastery.

† A family of some importance in the early history of the little corporate town of Hedon, in Holderness. William Lacy, the husband of the testatrix, was for many years one of the bailiffs of that place, and his will is dated there, on the 20th of April, 1438. He directs himself to be buried in the chapel of St. Augustine in Hedon. He mentions his cousins, John Sturmy, William son of William Yveson and Isabel Esthorp. To Richard Lascy, clerk, his brother (probably vicar of Kayingham, in Holderness, who died in 1464-5) he leaves his best zone, harnest with silver, and a covered cup of silver. To John, his brother, he leaves a gown "de ray," striped "penulatam," with a new hood "de ray." To John Elwyn, a goblet of silver, covered. To Beatrix, his wife, he leaves all his tenements in Hedon. [*Prob.* 16 *July*, 1438].

unum par precularium argenti cum omnibus jocalibus per eas pendentibus.—Margaretæ, nuper famulæ Roberti Preston, unam zonam harnizatam cum argento nuper Johannis Preston, et unum par precularium de curall cum omnibus jocalibus per eas pendentibus. Beatrici filiæ Johannis Benyngton unum par precularium de gete cum annulis per eas pendentibus.—Willelmo Benyngton unum ouche de auro. [*Pr.* 28 *Feb.* 1438-9.]

LII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS ELLERKERR DE PAROCHIA DE ROULEY.

Die Lunæ post Festum Sanctæ Trinitatis, 1438. Ego Johannes Ellerker, senior.* — Item lego in expensis circa me faciendis xl marcas. Item lego ad distribuendum pauperibus xx marcas. Item lego xl li. presbiteris ad celebrandum pro anima mea et pro animabus Thomæ nuper Ducis Clarenciæ, Johannis Hothome militis senioris, Johannis Hothome militis junioris, patris et matris meæ, Elenæ Mar . . . sororis meæ, Johannis Rosselyn et Johannis Waghen.—Item lego, post obitum Isabellæ uxoris meæ, capellæ de Ellerkerr unum vestimentum de albo serico et unam calicem argenti et deauratam.—Item lego xl marcas ad faciendum restitucionem illis qui sufficienter poterunt probare aliquam injuriam sive extorcionem per me sibi esse factam et illatam. Item volo quod xx li. sint positæ in Prioratu de Chartrehouse, juxta Kyngeston super Hull, et ibidem essendæ per quinque annos proximos post obitum meum, ad intencionem quod si aliquis filiorum meorum sit vexatus et implicitatus per aliquos, durantibus dictis quinque annis, de aliqua parcella terrarum et tenementorum meorum per me prius perquisitorum, quod tunc detur illi et illis, sic necessitatem habentibus, parcella dictarum xx li. secundum discrecionem Prioris Prioratus predicti et executorum meorum.—Residuum—Isabellæ uxori meæ, Johanni et Willelmo filiis meis, quos facio executores meos.—Testes, Johannes Portyngton† serviens ad legem, Thomas Santon, Edwardus Portyngton, Johannes Gowere, etc. [*Prob.* 24 *March*, 1438–39.]

LIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI BOWES, CIVIS ET MERCATORIS EBOR.

In Festo Pentecostis, 1437. Ego Willelmus Bowes,‡ senior, civis et mercator Eboracensis—sep. in ecclesia mea parochiali

* This will adds another generation to the received pedigree of the family of Ellerker of Ellerker. The testator would seem to have been a lawyer, and the gentlemen who witness his will appear to have been of the same profession. He mentions some distinguished clients and patrons.

† Afterwards Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He is not infrequently mentioned as a supervisor, or friend, in the wills of the Yorkshire gentry.

‡ A wealthy citizen of York. He was Sheriff for the city in 1402, Lord Mayor in 1417 and 1428, and M.P. for the city in 3rd Henry V., and in the 1st, 4th, and

Sancti Cuthberti in Peseholme.—Lego xij tortis vulgariter vocatos torches circa corpus meum comburendos.—Willelmo Bowes,* filio meo, omnia mea utensilia mea in capitali mesuagio meo in Peseholme, exceptis quæ do Willelmo filio dicti Willelmi.—Willelmo filio Willelmi filii mei unum gladium trenchand et unum baslardum argento ornatum ac unam cincturam rubeam argento stipatam. Item lego prefato Willelmo Bowes duas integras armaturas de optimis, videlicet duos basynettez, vmbras et rerebrace, gloves de plaite et pannce de plaite, cum le leggeharnes eisdem pertinente, unam loricam de optimis, et optimum batelax, ac unum gladium de Burdeux argento ornatum.—Agneti Hexham cognatæ meæ xx s. Roberto Johnson, alias dicto Bowes, octo marcas.—Willelmo filio meo et Agneti uxori ejus, filiæ Roberti de Kyrkeby quondam civis et mercatoris Ebor., capitale mesuagium meum in Peseholme. Katerinæ filiæ meæ, nuper uxori Roberti Louthe, duo tenementa in Thuresdaymarket.—Johanna filia mea, nuper uxor Johannis Blackburn quondam civis et mercatoris Ebor.—Willelmo, Johanni, Godefrido, Rogero, Isabellæ et Johannæ filiis predicti Willelmi Bowes filii mei, cuilibet eorum c s.—Isabellæ filiæ dicti Willelmi filii mei unum chaplette de perle, precii quinque marcarum. Residuum Willelmo Bowes filio meo ad disponendum pro anima mea et anima Isabellæ matris suæ, etc. [*Prob.* 6 *Aug.* 1439.]

LIV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ LYNDLEY DE LYNDLEY ARMIGERI.

July 11, 1439. Ego Thomas Lyndley de Lyndley juxta Otteley gentilman†—sep. in cimiterio ecclesiæ parochialis de Otteley.—Percivallo‡ filio meo et heredi diversa jocalia mea subscripta, videlicet, duas pecias argenti standyng de una secta cum

9th years of Henry VI. He was buried, as he desired, in the church of St. Cuthbert's Peaseholme Green, and his epitaph may be found in Drake's Eboracum. His wife Isabel was buried in the same place, dying before her husband, 25 July, 1436. It would be difficult to connect him with the Durham family of Bowes, although it is by no means improbable that he had some connection with that ancient house. He had an illustrious descendant in Sir Martin Bowes, who was Lord Mayor of London, and jeweller to Queen Elizabeth. Sir Martin was born in York, and gave a most munificent sum to charitable purposes in his native city.

* William Bowes, junior, was Sheriff for the city in 1432, Mayor in 1443, and M.P. 13 Henry VI.

† The head of an ancient and very respectable Yorkshire family, of the history of which there is but little known. He appears to have held some patent office at Hexham, under the Archbishop of York. A branch of his family was at this time settled at Scutterskelf in Cleveland, in right of an heiress of the family of Gower, who had married into the family. Some notices of them will be given hereafter.

† Percival Lindley of Lindley, Esq., by his will, dated August 13, 1495, desires to be buried in the churchyard of Otley, at the east end of the choir. To Thomas Lindley, his son and heir, he leaves all the plate which his father had bequeathed to

uno coopertorio ad easdem, duas etiam pecias argenti planas et flatt neutra cooperta, duas murras argentatas et deauratas, duo salsaria argenti unius sectæ standyng cum uno coopertorio ad eadem, unum powderboxx argenti et xij cocliaria argenti mea optima, necnon totam armaturam meam, quæ jam exstat infra novam turrim de Hexham, cum uno boresperr ibidem existente. Item lego tribus filiabus meis, videlicet Johannæ, Aliciæ et Margaretæ, cuilibet earum ad maritagium suum xl li. Roberto Lyndley fratri meo decem marcas.—Item volo quod Johannes Brig capellanus celebret pro salute animæ meæ, antecessorum et amicorum meorum, in capella de Harowgate per tres annos, percipiendo pro salario suo xij li. argenti—et quod Willelmus Wilson, capellanus cantariæ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis in ecclesia parochiali de Otteley, habeat in subvencionem stipendii sui sex marcas.—Residuum Katerinæ uxori meæ [*Prob.* 14 *Aug.* 1439.]

LV. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI TORALD DE EBOR. ARMIGERI.

Aug. 6, 1439. Ego Ricardus Torald * Armiger—sep. in ecclesia mea parochiali Beatæ Mariæ Veteris super Bisshophill—Agneti Mirfeld, sorori meæ, xx. marcas, sub hac tamen condicione, quod predicta Agnes expectaverit cum Elizabetha uxore mea, quamdiu ipsa Elizabetha prefatam Agnetem desideraverit. Volo quod Johannes Myrfeld et Johannes Hoberd, qui sunt feoffati in omnibus terris et tenementis meis in comitatibus Lincolne, Notinghame, seu alibi, faciant feoffamentum Elizabethæ uxori meæ et Willelmo Torald filio meo. Et volo quod quidam pannus vocatus cloth of gold, existens in ecclesia de Merston, ibidem permaneat inperpetuum.—Residuum Elizabethæ uxori meæ, quam cum Johanne Mirfeld fratre suo constituo executores meos. Datum Ebor.—Proviso semper quod, si Deus disposuerit me et Willelmum filium meum et heredem obire de ista nunc infirmitate, tunc volo quod prefati Johannes Mirfeld et Johannes Hobard faciant feoffamentum Marionæ sorori meæ de manerio meo de Ryngesthorp. [*Pr.* 15 *Aug.* 1439.]

him. To his three daughters he leaves 20*s.* each. To his sons, John, Richard, and Percival, 26*s.* 8*d.* each. The residue he leaves to Isabel his wife, William Lindley his son, and William Lindley of Leithley. [*Prob.* 28 *May*, 1499.]

* A Lincolnshire gentleman, of large possessions and distinguished family. His will appears to have been made during the prevalence of one of those epidemics which were then so numerous and fatal. He was then residing in York. His wife was a daughter of the Yorkshire house of Mirfield, an ancient and respectable family, which will be noticed in the present volume.

LVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ ELIZABETHÆ LAMBTON.

August 27, 1439. Ego Elizabeth Lambton *—sep. in ecclesia Sanctæ Elenæ super Muros juxta fontem.—Roberto, filio meo, principalem meam peciam coopertam stantem cum pedibus longioribus. Thomæ filio meo alteram peciam meam argenti coopertam stantem cum pedibus, cum condicione ista quod si idem Thomas vendicet seu clamet unum goblett argenti cum coopertorio, tunc habeat Willelmus filius meus illam peciam stantem, quam prefato Thomæ legavi. Item lego Johanni filio meo, militi, unam peciam argenti largam et unam aliam peciam deauratam. Item lego predicto Willelmo filio meo duas pecias singulares argenti et gobblett predictum, unam murram et decem marcas argenti. Item lego Elizabethæ filiæ meæ duas pecias argenti singulares. Item lego Aliciæ filiæ meæ xx. marcas in pecunia cum zonis, preculis, clitellis, flammeolis, indumentis, superlectilibus, Primario et ceteris utensilibus sibi congruentibus, et duas ollas argenti pro vino, duo salsaria argenti, duas pixides pro speciebus, xij. cocliaria argenti et quatuor pecias argenti singulares cum duobus coopertoriis et meam sellam. Item lego Elizabethæ Wales juniori unam peciam singularem argenti, et decem marcas ad maritagium suum. Item lego uni capellano ydoneo et honesto pro anima mea et anima Willelmi Lambton, nuper mariti mei, celebraturo per unum annum integrum v li. Item lego predicto Thomæ filio meo sex cocliaria argenti de illis xij. cocliaribus principalibus in custodia sua existentibus. Et lego predicto Willelmo filio meo alia sex cocliaria de eisdem xij. cocliaribus. Item remitto predicto Thomæ filio meo xx. marcas de illa majori summa quam michi debet. Et Roberto Lambton fratri suo x li. Et predicto Johanni Lambton militi xl s. Et Elizabethæ Wales seniori xl s. Residuum Aliciæ filiæ meæ ad maritagium suum. —Willelmus Lambton filius meus et Alicia Lambton filia mea executores, Robertus Lambton et Thomas Lambton filii mei supervisores. [*Pr.* 13 *Oct.* 1439.]

* The widow of William Lambton of Lambton, in the Bishoprick of Durham, Esq., the head of the ancient and honourable house of Lambton. She survived her husband above six years, and she appears to have made York her chief place of residence during her widowhood. Thomas Lambton her son has been previously mentioned in the will of John Lord Latimer, whose esquire he was. I can add nothing to the admirable pedigree which Mr. Surtees has given of the family, and can only refer my readers to the third volume of his History of Durham, p. 174, where they will find a most interesting description of Lambton and its lords.

LVII. TESTAMENTUM ALVEREDI MANSTON ARMIGERI PAROCHIÆ DE WHITKIRK.

June 6, 1439. Ego Alveredus Manston,* Armiger—sep. in cancello Beatæ Mariæ de Whitkirke. Item do et lego meum optimum animal nomine mortuarii mei cum apparatu meo, prout decet. Item volo quod unus capellanus celebret in capella de Manston, si contingat Elizabetham uxorem meam in vita existere et ibidem moram trahere, alioquin in ecclesia de Whitkirk. Item do et lego iiij li. ad inveniendum dictum capellanum ad divina pro anima mea et animabus Roberti patris mei et Aliciæ matris meæ et anima Johannis Tethford, nuper vicarii ecclesiæ predictæ, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, per unum annum integrum celebraturum. Item volo quod centum missæ celebrentur pro anima mea, Roberti patris et Aliciæ matris meæ, et Willelmi Gascoigne, et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, sub forma quæ sequitur, videlicet xxv. de Benedicta Trinitate, et xxv. de Spiritu Sancto, xxv. de gloriosa Virgine Maria, matre Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, et xxv. de Requiem, cum tot Placebo et Dirige, et hoc cum festinacione qua post mortem meam racionabiliter fieri poterit, solvendo pro qualibet Missa et Placebo iiij d. Item do et lego Elizabethæ uxori Ricardi Tempest, filiæ meæ, unum ciphum argenti et deauratum vocatum le Tun. Item lego Elizabethæ Northfolk xiij s. iiij d. Item do et lego Johanni filio meo unum ciphum argenti et deauratum, et ei perdono iiij li. quas michi debet. Item do et lego cuilibet filiorum meorum, videlicet, Roberto, Thomæ, et Alexandro, unum ciphum argenti, et hoc per discrecionem Elizabethæ uxoris meæ, et cuilibet eorum xl s. Item lego summo altari ecclesiæ predictæ, pro decimis oblitis, si quæ fuerint, vj s. viij d. Et fabricæ ecclesiæ de Whitkirk xl s. Et hoc per discrecionem Elizabethæ uxoris meæ expendendum. Item volo et ordino quod quolibet die Passenæ (Parasceues ?) in honore Domini nostri Jhesu Christi et quinque vulnerum ejus, ordinentur quinque libræ ceræ in candelis ad ardendum ante sepulcrum in ecclesia predicta, et xv d. ad solvendum eodem die pauperibus, et hoc pro termino quinque annorum proxime post mortem meam sequencium. Item lego Alveredo Northfolk xiij s. iiij d. Item lego Elizabethæ Denny vj s. viij d.

* Of the family of Manston there is but little known. The present will, however, throws some light upon its history. The testator was a near relative, probably a nephew, of Chief Justice Gascoigne; and in the last will of that dignitary he has 40*l.* and a silver cup gilt bequeathed to him. He is also mentioned in the will of Richard Gascoigne of Hunslet, a younger brother of Sir William. According to Glover, there was in Harewood church a monument to the memory of Alfred Manston and Elizabeth his wife.

Et Roberto Northfolk xiij s. iiij d. Henrico Thomlynson xiij s. iiij d. cum una toga. Item do et lego cuilibet sacerdoti venienti ad exequias meas vj d. Et cuilibet clerico ibidem ministranti ij d. Item volo in die sepulturæ meæ quod distribuantur pauperibus iiij li. Residuum Elizabethæ uxori meæ, utensilibus coquinæ, et bruerii, necnon ornamentis capellæ omnino exceptis. Item do et lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ medietatem omnium predictorum utensilium et ornamentorum ad usum proprium, et, si ceperit virum, quod tunc proximus heres meus immediate habeat medietatem et omnia ornamenta capellæ et libros, præter magnum Missale.—Henricus Thomlynson et Johannes Alesby executores—Willelmus Gascoigne miles supervisor—His testibus, Johanne Gascoyne, Johanne Nevill, Johanne Grenefeld. [*Pr.* 26 *Jan.* 1439-40.]

LVIII. TESTAMENTUM ALICIÆ CATRYK DE EBOR.

May 16, 1440. Alicia Catrik* nuper uxor Thomæ Catryk civis et merceri Ebor.—sep. in ecclesia mea parochiali Sancti Sampsonis in Ebor. sub illo lapide marmorio predicti Thomæ nuper mariti mei in eadem ecclesia jacente. Fabricæ unius crucis argenti ad usum dictæ ecclesiæ de novo fabricandæ xx s. Johanni Catryk filio meo sex cocliaria argenti de fradelett et unam peciam argenti et deaurati coopertam. Johannæ uxori dicti Johannis Catryk optimam meam zonam argenti et deaurati et unum par precularium de laumbre. Willelmo Catryk filio meo unam peciam argenti coopertam cum ymagine Sancti Christofori in cooperculo ejusdem, unam nucem argenti et deaurati cum cooperculo. Johanni Catryk juniori, filio dicti Willelmi filii mei, unum saltsaler argenti et coopertum. Agneti uxori Willelmi Catryk filii mei unum par precularium de corall cum gaudiis de argento et deauratis et zonam meam argenti et deaurati secundariam. Johanni Catrik seniori, filio predicti Willelmi filii mei, sex cocliaria argenti cum acornes, unam murram ponderantem septem uncias ligatam cum argento et deauratam, optimam meam cistam, unam peciam argenti et coopertam cum ymagine Sancti

* Widow of Thomas Catterick of York, mercer, who makes his will June 20, 1433. He orders his body to be buried in his parish church of St. Sampson's. He mentions Alice his wife, John, William, and Robert, his sons, John son of his son William, and Thomas Catterick his brother's son. To Joan his daughter he leaves a silver piece, called "standard pece."

Robert Catterick his son, by his will, dated at York December 3, 1438, directs his body to be buried at St. Sampson's. He leaves legacies to Alice his mother, John Catterick his cousin, Sissota Eland his cousin, and Margaret Burgh. The Cattericks, who were second-class merchants in York, were perhaps the ancestors of the family of that name which, in the next century, was seated at Stanwick and Carleton, in Richmondshire.

Johannis Baptistæ in cooperculo ejusdem et x li. argenti. Agneti Eland togam meam nigram penulatam cum myse. Aliciæ Maldson unam togam de russeto penulatam cum rige3 et coombes. Matildi Barton cognatæ meæ vj s. viij d. Residuum Willelmo filio meo. [*Pr.* 20 *May*, 1440.]

LIX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI SHIRBURN ARMIGERI DE MITTON IN CRAVEN.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ye thirde day of ye moneth of Januer, in ye yere of oure Lorde Gode M^{l}.cccc^{mo}.xxxvi^{to}., I Richerd Shirburn,* squyer, of hale mynde and seke of body, makes my testament in yis manere. First and forthermoste I bewitt my saule to Gode Allmighty, and to oure Lady Seyntt Mary, and to all ye Haloes; and my body for to be berede in ye parysh kirke of Mitton before ye auter of Seynt Nicholas. Also I be wytt to ye auter before sayde a vestiment of blewe velewett, foure auter clothes, thre towels, a Missall, a chales, a corporax, a paxbrede, a feriall vestimentt, and a kyste for to kepe all yis gere in, with ye appurtenance yat langes to ye same auter. Also I will yat a closett be made honestly aut ye sayde auter of Seynt Nicholas opon my coste. Also I be wytt to a preste for to syng a yere aut ye sayde auter of Seynt Nicholas for my saule and for all Crysten saules sex marc and half of sterlinges, and he sall fynde hymselfe brede and wyne and wax. Also I gif and I witt to ye ornormente3 of ye high auter of ye saide kirke of Mitton xl d. of silver. Also I gif and I be witt xx. white gounes to xx. pore men berand xx. torches before my cors and aboute my cors ye day of my beriall, to ye service be don, and yan, with ye leve of ye persons of ye saide kirke of Mitton, I will yat thirtene of ye sayde torches remayne to ye high auter of ye kirke of Mitton, and thre to oure Lady auter of ye saide kirke, and foure to ye auter of Seynt Nicholas beforesaide. Also I will yat fife serge3 be sett upon my hers and be offerd up ye day of my beriall, ilk serge contenand

* The family of Sherburne of Stonyhurst, which is now extinct, was for many generations one of the most distinguished in Lancashire. The testator, who was the head of that ancient house, was born at Stonyhurst, on the feast of St. Wilfrid, 5 Richard II. and was baptized at Mitton. His wife was Agnes daughter of Sir William Stanley of Hooton, co. Pal. Chester, Esq. and by her, whose will occurs hereafter, he left several children, some of whom are new to the genealogist. He was buried before the altar of St. Nicholas at Mitton on Ascension Day, 1440. His will is a valuable addition to our old English documents. The Chapel of St. Nicholas, of which the testator appears to have been the founder, became the family burying place. It contains a most interesting series of monuments, several of which were erected at the same time by Sir Nicholas Sherburne, who, as his epitaph tells us, "set his neighbourhood a spinning of Jersey wool, and did a vast deal of good to that north side of Ribble." He died in 1717.

two ponds of wax. Also I gif and I be wyte to ye Freers of Loncastre xx s. of silver. And to ye Freres of Preston xiij s. iiij d. of silver. And to ye Freres of Weryngton xiij s. iiij d. of silver. And to ye Freres of Appilby xiij. iiij d. of silver. And all ye residewe of all my godes and my catell noght gevyn nor be witt I gyf and I be witt to Agnes my wyffe, yat she yerof ordeyn and dispose os hir yinks best and most behufull to hir and to ye hele of my soule. And Robert of Haryngton, knyght, Thomas of Harington, squyer, brother of ye same Robert, my son James, and Richard Broune, of Chorley, I make myn executors, yat yai, havand Gode before yer eghen, do trewe execution of yis my presentt testament, and fulfill itt in dede, at ye syght of John Tempest, knyght. In witnes of whilk yinge to yis my present testament my seall I have set to, ye day and ye yere abofe saide. [*Pr.* 7 *June*, 1440.]

LX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ ALEISÆ MYTON PAROCHIÆ DE AGHTON.

April 16, 1440. Ego domina Aleisa Myton*—sep. ubi Deus disposuerit. Abbathiæ de Ellerton unam cuppam argenti coopertam et deauratam pro sacramento altaris conservando. Domino Roberto Pall septem marcas annuatim ad celebrandum pro anima mea, quousque Ricardus Aske† fecerit eum habere competens beneficium vel cantariam. Item lego ad fabricam ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum de Aghton quinque marcas argenti. Margaretæ Aske unum craterem argenti coopertum et deauratum, unum circulatum. Ricardo Aske unam cistam cum contentis, etc. Johanni Malton, vicario de Aghton, vj s. viij d. Johannæ Hawnserd,‡ sorori meæ, unam mantilet cum quatuor barbys et duobus forhedes. Katerinæ Thornyff unum mantilett. Domino Roberto Pall, Portiforium meum. Aleisæ Thwaits unum Primarium cum signaculis deauratis. Matildi Ughtred § x marcas de debitis meis, quæ sunt in manibus patris ejus. Matildi Landall unum par precaminum et xl s., quæ sunt in manibus viri sui. Executores meos

* This lady, who seems to have been a widow of the ancient house of Myton of Myton, was, I believe, a daughter of John Aske of Ousethorpe, Esq. the Seneschal of the Bishop of Durham for Howdenshire, who died in 1397. Of the family of Myton there is but little known, and the testatrix makes no additions to our scanty stock of information. Her will is made at Aughton, the then residence of the family of Aske.

† Richard Aske of Aughton, Esq. was little more than 20 years of age at the date of the present will. He died in 1460, leaving a large family behind him. His wife, who is mentioned in the present will, was Margaret, a daughter of Sir Robert Ughtred of Kexby. Her will is dated in the year 1466. It will occur in its proper place, and many other notices of the family of Aske will be found appended to it.

‡ Joan, a daughter of John Aske of Ousethorpe, married, as the old pedigrees of the family allege, Sir Richard Haunsard of Lincolnshire, by whom she had issue.

§ There was a double connection between the families of Aske and Ughtred.

constituo Ricardum Aske, Johannem Salvayn, armigeros, Robertum Pall et Thomam Wilkynson. Datum apud Aghton. [*Pr.* 22 *July*, 1440.]

LXI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNÆ FITLYNG.

Johanna Fitlyng—2 Aug. M.cccc.xl.—sep. in choro australi coram altare S. Jacobi in capella Beatæ Mariæ Virginis villæ de Kyngeston super Hull—Volo quod unus pannus meus aureus cum nigro fundamento imperpetuum custodiatur per custodes fabricæ dictæ capellæ ad ornamentum sepulchri Domini in Festo Paschali.

LXII. WILLELMUS SALVAYNE DE WHITBY.

In Festo Sancti Benedicti, 1436. Ego Willelmus Salvayne,* Armiger Monasterii de Whitby—sep. in Monasterio de Whitby in deambulatorio Sanctæ Begæ. Fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ xiij s. iiij d.; et pro mortuario meo optimam togam meam. Fabricæ Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Ebor. iiij s. Et domino meo Abbati xiij s. iiij d. Item Conventui xl s. Item lego Johanni, fratri meo, par magnum precularium de gagate et aliud par Custanciæ consanguineæ nostræ, si consenciat predictus Johannes, frater meus. Item eidem Johanni lego unum par linthiaminum de panno de lake et spatulam quam dedit michi, et annulum aureum cum diamaunte. Johanni Forster de Kyllome optimam togam meam post mortuarium meum; et uxori suæ unum par precularium. Dominæ Johannæ Salvayne, † uxori domini Johannis Salvayne ‡ militis consanguinei mei, xij. cocliaria argenti, et Aliciæ filiæ

* An unrecorded member of the family of Salvin of Newbiggin, in the vicinity of Whitby. Sir John Salvin, the then head of the house of Newbiggin, was his cousin. The testator held the office of "armiger" in the wealthy monastery of Whitby. For an account of the duties of this officer I must refer my readers to Dr. Rock's "Church of our Fathers," a work worthy of the highest praise.

† Joan, the wife of Sir John Salvin, was a daughter of Sir Thomas Grey of Heton, by Alice daughter of Ralph Lord Neville of Raby.

‡ Sir John Salvin, the head of a distinguished Yorkshire family of Salvin which was seated at Newbiggin, near Whitby. His will is dated on the 26th of April, 1469, and was proved at York on the 11th of January following. He desires to be buried in the choir of the monastery of St. Peter and St. Hilda, at Whitby, before the high altar, in a place to be marked out by the Abbot. He gives his best horse, with his saddle, bridle, and arms, for a mortuary. To Thomas, his son (and heir), he bequeaths a basin and ewer of silver, and his best covered cup. To Joan his wife a goblet gilt, with a cover. To Margaret his daughter 200 marks for her marriage, if she stand or abide by the advice of his executors in getting her a husband. To William his son, and his heirs, all his lands and tenements within the lordship of Egton and the town of Whitby. He appoints as his executors Sir Thomas Pykeryng, Abbot of Whitby, and Sir John Smallwood, Rector of Baynton. Henry Thwats, gentleman, is made the supervisor of his will, and is to have 100*s.* for his pains. William Salvyn of Newbygyng, Esq. occurs among the witnesses.

eorundem annulum aureum cum lapide balys. Item Petro Salvayne armigero, consanguineo meo, zonam sericam deargentatam. Item lego magistro Hugoni Ellerton, monacho, vj s. viij d.; et cistam Thomæ Mason. Item domino Stephano, capellano parochiali, iij s. iiij d. Item officio hostillariæ Monasterii de Whitby unum matrasse, unum par lodicium, unum par linthiaminum et unum coverlett.—Et facio Johannem Salvayn armigerum, fratrem meum, heredem meum et principalem executorem. Sibillæ Salvayn, sorori meæ, xl s., et unum par precularium de corall cum gaudiis de gagate. His testibus, magistro Hugone Ellerton, Alicia Laison et Willelmo heremita. [*Pr.* 9 *Sep.* 1440.]

LXIII. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI ROBERTI ALNE PERSONÆ IN CHORO ECCLESIÆ CATHEDRALIS EBOR. AC CURIÆ EBORACENSIS EXAMINATORIS GENERALIS.

Dec. 24, 1440. Robertus Alne,* examinator generalis Curiæ Eboracensis, ac persona ad altare Sancti Nicholai in ecclesia Sancti Petri Ebor., senio ac infirmitate gravatus, cernens diem mortis meæ imminere—sep. in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum in Northstrete in Eboraco, coram altare Sancti Nicholai ibidem.—Lego dictæ ecclesiæ unam Legend in duobus voluminibus ad orandum pro anima Magistri Thomæ Hebbeden † ac pro anima mea et parentum meorum. Et lego pro correccione librorum predictorum vj s. viij d. Lego librariæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eboracensis unum par Decretorum, quæ fuerunt predicti Magistri Thomæ Hebbeden, ad orandum pro anima ejusdem Thomæ. Item lego eidem librariæ Constituciones Othonis et Octobonis cum Johanne de Athona cum aliis Constitucionibus, et Omelias Beati Gregorii. Item Egidium de Regimine Principum, et Azonam cum Summa. Item lego communi librariæ Universitatis Cantibrigiæ Archidiaconum in Rosario, Sanctum Thomam Secunda Secundæ et librum cum Problematibus Artis et alium librum cum tabula super Boecio de Consolacione Philosophiæ, et aliis Tractatibus, et Ricardum de Hampull vocatum Melos, cum Orilogio Divinæ Sapienciæ, qui fuit antedicti Magistri Thomæ Hebbeden, ad orandum pro anima

* An officer in the ecclesiastical court of York, and a person of some influence and importance. His library appears to have been a most valuable one.

† A Yorkshireman by birth, who followed in the train of Dean Langley when he was promoted to the see of Durham. His advance in the diocese of Durham was rapid, and at his death in 1435 he was Rector of Meldon, Dean of the Collegiate Church of Auckland, Chancellor of the Diocese, and Examining Chaplain to his patron Cardinal Langley. His will is printed in the Durham Wills and Inventories, p. 82, to which several notices of him are appended. He was connected with some of the best of the Yorkshire families, and he seems to have been a man of some learning and taste. Robert Alne, the testator, was a devisee in his will and also one of his executors.

ejusdem; et librum cum Francisco de Remedio Utriusque Fortunæ, cum aliis Tractatibus; ita quod magister Johannes Otryngham, magister Sancti Michaelis Cantibrigiæ, habeat usum dicti libri ad terminum vitæ suæ. Item lego eidem magistro Johanni Otringham unum par tabellarum de ebore habencium ligaturam de albo et nigro serico. Item magistro Thomæ Duffeld unum parvum librum cum rubia coopertura continentem Secundum Thomam de Visiositatibus, cum uno pari precularium de aumbre. Item magistro (*blank*) Kilburne unum cocliar argenti cum longo brachio pro viridi zinzebro. Item lego magistro Ricardo Wetwang j. Innoc' quem antea habuit ex mutuo, et alium librum papiro continentem Tractatum de Ecclesiastico Metrodoro et Conclusionibus Rotæ, cum aliis, et alium librum continentem Extravagancias Johannis Papæ 22 cum Gosselino super eisdem cum aliis Tractatibus, si ipse voluerit executoribus meis solvere illos lviij s. quos michi debet. Dompno Johanni Alne, monacho ordinis Cartusiensis London., cognato meo, Orologium Divinæ Sapienciæ, cum coopertura de pargameno. Margaretæ Belford, cognatæ meæ, dimidiam duodenam de quysshynnes cum capitibus leopardorum, duas togas blodias penulatas cum capuciis.—Domino Roberto Semer, rectori ecclesiæ Sancti Martini in Conyngstrete, usum Egidii de Regimine Principum, ad terminum vite suæ, et post ejus mortem volo quod remaneat librariæ Ecclesiæ Cathedralis. Domui hospitalis Sancti Leonardi Ebor. Doctorem de Lira super Novum Testamentum, ita quod fratres dicti Hospitalis persolvant executoribus meis xl s. infra annum proxime post decessum meum—et Bartholomeum de Casibus, cujus tamen usum volo quod Christoferus Dobley capellanus habeat ad terminum vitæ suæ, et in fine vitæ suæ quod illum restitui faciat ad locum predictum, et quod ponatur in loco publico, ut volentes in materiis dicto libro contentis possint melius informari. Domui religiosorum de Drax unum librum largum vocatum Bibliam, sub condicione quod solvant executoribus meis xl s. infra annum proxime post decessum meum, aliter non. Magistro Thomæ London, rectori ecclesiæ de Crake, unum par cultellorum argenti et deauratorum cum uno pennario et cum cornu insimili. [*Prob.* 26 *Dec.* 1440.]

LXIV. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI JACOBI BAGULE NUPER RECTORIS ECCLESIÆ OMNIUM SANCTORUM IN NORTHSTRETE CIVITATIS EBOR.

July 19, 1438. Ego Magister James Bagule* rector ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum in Northstrete—sep. in ecclesia mea paro-

* The will of a clergyman generally contains some curious notice or legacy. His extensive acquaintance and his varied labours would necessarily throw many treasures

chiali, videlicet, in introitu chori sub lapide marmoreo.—Lego Regimen Animarum ecclesiæ de Stoppford in comitatu Cestriæ. —Willelmo Hanke unum librum de Canticis cum glaspys argenti et unum librum rubium de Balads. Domino Thomæ Astell, capellano, unum parvum baslardum cum una zona harnasiata cum argento et unum librum cum Motetes. Et lego ecclesiæ meæ parochiali prædictæ librum cujus 2° fo. *diem dileccionis*, et unum librum vocatum Medullam Gramaticæ, et unum Processionale 2° fo. *ne dicta*, ita quod sint cathenati in stallo ante rectorem in choro. [*Prob.* 17 *March*, 1440-1.]

LXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WHITGIFTE SAWSEMAKER.

In Dei nomine, Amen. ix Jan. M.cccc.xl.i. Ego Johannes Whitgifte civis et saucemaker* Ebor.—sep. in choro B. Mariæ Virginis in eccles. mea par. S. Trinitatis in Curia Regis in Ebor.—pro mortuario optimam togam—Fabricæ ecclesiæ pro sepultura vj s. viij d. Rectori pro decimis oblitis v s. Lego vj lb. ceræ circa corpus meum. Fabricæ eccles. Cath. B. Petri Ebor. v s. Gildæ S. Christofori iij s. iiij d. Gildæ Corporis Christi Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Johannæ uxori Roberti Hemmyng vj s. viij d. Katerinæ Warton collobum meum et iij ulnas panni blodii mixti pro una toga. Katerinæ, filiæ predictæ Katerinæ, j parvam zonam argento paratam et iij s. iiij d. Margaretæ Calton, famulæ meæ, ij s. Residuum Johanni Kilburn, famulo meo, ad disponendum pro me ad voluntatem suam propriam. [*Prob.* 29 *June*, *seq.*]

LXVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI ROBERTI CONSTABLE MILITIS DEFUNCTI.

May 23, 1441. Ego Robertus Constable† de Flaynburgh miles —sep. infra ecclesiam de Flaynburgh. Item lego optimum equum meum pro mortuario. Item lego et ordino secundum disposicionem et ordinacionem executorum meorum competentem ceram in die sepulturæ meæ circa corpus meum comburendam. Item volo et ordino quod unus sacerdos idoneus et discretus celebret pro anima mea et animabus omnium parentum meorum in

and curiosities in his way, and, as he generally wrote his own will, we have the most accurate description of them. The testator would seem to have sprung from Lancashire or Cheshire. A Humphrey Baguley, two centuries afterwards, was Domestic Chaplain to the great Earl of Derby.

* The sauce-makers were rather a numerous fraternity in York about this time.

† The head of the illustrious house of Constable, of Flambrough. He married Agnes, a daughter of Lord Chief Justice Gascoigne, by whom he had a large family. The wills of his father and grandfather have been printed in the first volume of the York Wills.

ecclesia de Flaynburgh per duos annos integros post mortem meam immediate sequentes. Residuum executoribus meis, quos constituo dominam Agnetem Constable * uxorem meam, Robertum Constable filium et heredem meum, et Thomam Pikering; tam ad solvendum debita mea et sustentandum filium meum Willelmum † et duas filias meas, quam ad omnia alia bona mea disponendum quæ ad salutem animæ meæ providerint expedienda. Thomas Cumberworth ‡ miles, avunculus meus, supervisor. Testibus, domino Roberto Storme capellano parochiali de Flaynburgh, Thoma Theobald gentilman, etc. [*Prob.* 16 *June*, 1441.]

LXVII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI CONESBYE CARPENTARII.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xx Mar. M.cccc.xl.i. Ego Willelmus Conesby de Eboraco, carpentar—sepeliendum in ecclesia mea par. S. Joh. Evang. in Mikelgate—viij lb. ceræ comburendæ circa corpus meum duobus diebus meis. Rectori pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis vj s. viij d. Fabricæ pro sepultura mea ij torchias precii xiij s. iiij d.—Lego iiij ordinibus Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor., ad reparacionem ecclesiarum suarum, cuilibet v s. Lego inter monachos conventuales Mon. B. Mariæ juxta muros Civ. Ebor. vj s. viij d., ita quod specialiter adorent pro anima mea. Lego dompno Johanni filio meo, monacho ibidem, vj s. viij d., et eidem vj cocliaria argenti cum quodam signo, viz. hawethornleves. Margaretæ filiæ meæ j. peciam argenti et ij qu. brasii. Remitto Willelmo Nanson, marito ejusdem Margaretæ, xx s. quos michi debet. Lego Nicholao Nanson unum maserband,

* Her will is dated at Beverley on the 7th of January, 1466-7, and it was proved at York on the 5th of February following. In it she directs her body to be buried in the choir of St. Edmund the King and Martyr, in Flamborough Church. She makes her son William Constable and Joan Welles her daughter her residuary legatees.

† William Constable, a younger son of Sir Robert, became Sub-Dean of York, Prebendary of Norton in the church of Lincoln, and Archdeacon of Cleveland. He died in the month of September, 1485.

‡ Sir Thomas Cumberworth was High Sheriff of Lincolnshire in the 3rd of Henry V. and the 9th of Henry VI. He was also M.P. for the county in 1420, 1421, and 1424. In the Topographer and Genealogist there are a few extracts from his will, which is dated February 15th, 1450-1. He desires to be buried "in a chitte with owte any kiste in the north yle of the parych kirke of Somcresby be my wyfe." He then makes the following most remarkable direction: "I wylll my body ly still, my mowth opyn, untill xxiiij. owrys, and after laid on here with owtyn any thyng ther upon to cover it bot a sheit and a blak cloth, with a white crose of cloth of gold; bot I wyl my kyste be made and stande by and at my bereall giff it to hym that fillis my grave." I am sorry that the extracts go no further, as the will might have thrown some light upon the connection between the family of Cumberworth and several Yorkshire houses which at present is rather obscure. Catherine Cumberworth, the sister of Sir Thomas, was the testator's mother. Sir Thomas's will is taken from the registry at Lincoln. Few antiquaries have any idea of the testamentary treasures which are contained in the magnificent registers of the Bishops of Lincoln.

baslardum meum, cum zona mea argento harnesiata. Johanni Dunsforth gladium meum. Cuilibet famularum mearum existencium die obitus mei vj d. Lego ad unum jantaculum inter pauperes faciendum die sepulturæ meæ x s. Lego inter vj maxime pauperes et egenos ij s., cuilibet iiij d. Willelmo filio Willelmi Nanson gestrum meum argento harnasiatum. Johannæ filiæ meæ zonam meam optimam cum argento ornatam et xiij s. iiij d. Willelmo Clerk filio Willelmi Clerk mercatoris, filiolo meo, vj s. viij d. Margaretæ uxori meæ vasa mea argentea et utensilia domus meæ. Residuum uxori meæ. [*Prob.* 30 *Jul. seq.*]

LXVIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI RICARDI PIKERING MILITIS NUPER DEFUNCTI.

Sep. 1, 1441. Ego Ricardus Pikeryng,* de Oswaldkirk, miles —sep. in ecclesia parochiali de Oswaldkirk, ante altare Beatæ Mariæ in australi parte in eadem ecclesia. Item lego optimum meum averium nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego togam meam optimam de viridi velvett sine furrura ad faciendum unum vestimentum ad altare Sancti Oswaldi. Dominæ Johannæ Pickeringe, moniali de Monkton, sorori meæ, xl s. Roberto fratri meo xl s. Hugoni fratri meo xl s. Edmundo fratri meo xl s. Margaretæ Sutton xx s. Matildæ, uxori Johannis Dilcok, sorori meæ, xx s. Marjoriæ Horsman sorori meæ xx s. Ricardo Thornton meam nigram togam furratam et vj s. viij d. Johanni Wenslawe legisperito unum equum. Ceciliæ, uxori quondam Johannis fratris mei, unam marcam argenti. Roberto Thornton meam nigram togam furratam cum foynes. Residuum Margaretæ uxori meæ, quam facio executorem et sibi coadjutores Robertum Thornton et Edmundum Pikeringe. [*Pr.* 28 *Sep.* 1441.]

LXIX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS BULMER RECTORIS DE BULMER.

Nov. 19, 1441. Ego dominus Johannes Bulmer,† rector ecclesiæ parochialis de Bulmer—sep. in choro ecclesiæ Sancti Martini

* A name of which there is but little known. The will of an earlier member of the family is printed in Test. Ebor. I. p. 53. The widow of the testator, by licence from the Archbishop of York, dated 2nd June, 1445, remarried Henry Banaster. There was a family of Pickering of some rank and consideration seated at Ellerton at this time. Several notices of the name will occur hereafter.

† A scion of the great house of Bulmer of Wilton, and probably a son of Sir William Bulmer, by a daughter of the house of Eure. He held one of the livings which were in the gift of his wealthy family. The house of Bulmer was perhaps unrivalled for power and magnificence among the Yorkshire families; yet this greatness was counterbalanced by no small share of calamity. In Aske's rebellion Sir John Bulmer joined

de Bulmer. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Bulmer unum vestimentum integrum pro celebracione divinorum. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Wilton vj s. viij d. Lego pro expensis funeralibus circa vicinos et amicos meos in die sepulturæ meæ liij s. iiij d. Item lego duobus capellanis ad celebrandum pro anima mea et omnium benefactorum meorum per unum annum xiiij. marcas in pecunia numerata. Domino Radulpho Bulmer,* militi, unum craterem argenti planum et coopertum, quartæ partis unius lagenæ, et alium craterem argenti coopertum deauratum in summitate, unam pixidem argenti cum uno salsario argenti. Johanni Gowsell unum craterem coopertum, optimum meum garmamentum de sangwyn, et unum blodium lectum. Margaretæ, sorori suæ, unum craterem argenti, et unum Psalterium. Agneti, matri suæ, unum par le gublets pounceet argenti. Domino Thomæ Blaykman meum Portatorium, et unum librum qui vocatur Pupilla Oculi, et unam penulam de fezches. Roberto Malton unam togam nigram penulatam cum le gray. Item lego pro peregrinacione facienda versus Cantuariam xx s. Item lego Agneti Lawnd tria cocliaria argenti. Residuum cuidam capellano celebraturo pro anima mea et pro animabus patris et matris meorum in ecclesia Sancti Martini de Bulmer quamdiu duraverit. [*Pr.* 26 *Nov.* 1441.]

LXX. TESTAMENTUM MATILDIS MOUNCEX DE BARNESTON IN HOLDERNES.

July 3, 1441. Ego Matilda Mounceux,* quondam uxor Johannis Munceux de Barneston, armigeri—sep. infra ecclesiam

the insurgents, and was attainted, with the loss of all his lands. Sir Ralph his son regained his father's position, but he left no male heirs to enjoy it. He seems to have been a man of a peculiar disposition, as we find that, although he left behind him no less than seven reputed daughters and coheirs, three alone of these were acknowledged by him as his children. The younger branch of the family, which settled at Tursdale, in the County of Durham, was equally unfortunate. They were implicated in the Rising in the North, and in the succeeding generation the family estates were squandered away by the reckless extravagance of Sir Bertram Bulmer and his family.

* Sir Ralph Bulmer, Knight, whom I suppose to be a brother of the testator, died in 1444, and administration of his effects was granted to William Lambert, chaplain, 1st May, 1444.

† One of the last of an ancient and powerful family, who were for several centuries the mesne Lords of Barmston in Holderness. She was the daughter of . . . Manfield. John Monceux, of Barmston, Esq. her husband, by his will, dated on the 11th of August, 1426, which was proved at York on the 16th of the same month, desires to be buried in the church of All Saints, Bernston, in the aisle of the Blessed Mary, before her altar. The issue of this marriage were—a son, William Monceux, Esq. who married Margaret, daughter of Walter Fauconberge, Esq. by whom, at the date of the present will, he had a daughter Joan; she, however, must have died in childhood. His will is dated at Barneston on the 23rd of August, and it was proved at York on the 1st of September following; he directs his body to be buried in the church of Barneston within the choir—a daughter, Matilda, who on the death of her brother became the sole heiress of her family. She married Brian de la See, of Hollym, Esq. and her granddaughter carried the rich estates of the Monceux into the family of Boynton, in whose possession they still remain.

Omnium Sanctorum de Barneston, in parte australi, juxta sepulcrum mariti mei. Willelmo Mounceux filio meo xl s. Roberto Thweyng xx s. Margaretæ Mounceux meam optimam zonam argenteam, et Johannæ Munceux filiæ suæ unam triploidem, unam ollam æneam, unam patellam, unam pelvim cum lavacro, sex cocliaria argenti, unum par linthiaminum de panno de laake, unum annulum auri, unam tabulam, di. dusane pewdr vessell et optimum meum Cowchur. Et Matildæ del' See unam togam blodiam penulatam et sellam; et Margaretæ Thweyng unam zonam argenti, et unam togam nigram cum penula de cuniculis; et Johannæ filiæ Roberti Thweyng xx. oves. Cuilibet Godebarne infra dominium de Barneston unam ovem et cuilibet servienti Willelmi Mounceux filii mei iiij d. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Lessett xiij s. iiij d.; et duabus ancreȝ ij s. Residuum Willelmo Mounceux filio meo et Roberto Thweyng, ut ipsi ordinent et disponant in piis operibus pro anima mea, animabus patris, matris, magistri Roberti fratris mei, mariti mei, filiorum meorum et omnium benefactorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum. [*Prob.* 1 *March*, 1441–2.]

LXXI. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI COTINGHAM CIVIS EBOR.

June 8, 1442. Ego Ricardus Cotingham,* civis Ebor.—sep. in monasterio Beatæ Mariæ extra muros civitatis Ebor. Ymagini Sanctæ Mariæ in capella juxta monasterium zonam rubiam bene stipatam argento. Elenæ filiæ meæ zonam russetam stipatam cum argento. Johanni Eskrik fratri meo unam togam de meld bene penulatam cum martyrs, unam zonam blodiam argentatam cum uno gestro operato super caput cum argento. Ricardo Blakey unam togam stragulatam et penulatam cum pellibus de agnis nigris. Stephano Palmer unam togam russetam et penulatam cum otyrs. Thomæ Abirson unam togam sanguineam penulatam cum croppes. Johanni Denom, merchand, unum gladium parvum vocatum a Burdeux blade, et j. blak stra cappe. Roberto servienti meo unam togam russetam, cum gladio. Nicholas Kirkby unum blak nodder. Domino Johanni Stirkland j. gipcian de silk. [*Pr.* 15 *June*, 1442.]

LXXII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS PUDSEY DE EBOR. TEXTORIS.

July 20, 1442. Ego Johannes Pudsey,† civis et textor Ebor.—sep. in cimiterio ecclesiæ meæ parochialis Beatæ Mariæ in Castel-

* A small tradesman of York. Several interesting words occur in his will.

† A respectable tradesman of York. His will contains one or two curious bequests; and that of Emma his widow is also interesting. Her will is dated on the 1st of June,

gate. Volo quod gestrum meum balokhefter hernasiatum cum argento vendatur, et quod pecunia de eadem recipienda detur Sibillæ Whitlay matri meæ. Johanni Beverlay, glover, meliorem cultellum meum argento hernasiatum, et alium cultellum Hugoni Beverlay, fratri suo. Volo quod dupletum meum de fense vendatur et pecunia detur Julianæ Beverlay et Elenæ Philipp sororibus meis. Thomæ Hirste, skynner, arcum meum cum le grene batt et vij. sagittas pacockfederde. Hugoni Beverlay cognato meo baslardum meum. [*Pr.* 25 *Aug.* 1442.]

LXXIII. TESTAMENTUM ALEXANDRI BLENKINSOP, ARMIGERI, DECEDENTIS INFRA CIVITATEM EBORACENSEM.

Augusti 6, 1442. Ego Alexander Blenkensop.* Volo quod unus capellanus idoneus celebret divina pro anima mea, et animabus quibus teneor quovismodo, in ecclesia de Sherofhoton, ad altare ibidem ubi jacet Elizabetha quondam uxor mea, per unum annum integrum post obitum meum. Agneti Kendale unam pelvim de stagno, unum chawfir, et unum standing maser ligatum cum argento. Johanni Thomson unum lectum cum tapeto de viridi cum armis meis intextis. Thomæ Blenkensop de Stillyngton unum lectum cum tapeto de rubio. Item volo quod quicquid habuero in vasis argenti, indumentis, vendatur et distribuatur in cæcorum, claudorum et aliorum pauperum et debilium pios usus. [*Pr.* 25 *Oct.* 1442.]

LXXIV. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI JOHANNIS CARLETON JUNIORIS, ADVOCATI CURIÆ EBOR., DEFUNCTI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Cum omnis homo ad Dei voluntatem habet persolvere debitum naturæ, idcirco, penultimo die mensis Maii, 1442, Ego Johannes Carleton,† legum doctor et advocatus

1445. After directing herself to be buried in the churchyard of the Blessed Mary in Castlegate, she leaves to Agnes her daughter a "messyn basyn cum lavacro." To the gild of the dyers one board cloth and a towell, to pray for and put the names of John Pudsay and Emma his wife in the book of the fraternity of the said gild, otherwise not. To Thomas Hirste a little maser adorned with silver and gold. To her vicar "unum codd broudyd with ymyges." [*Prob.* 6 *June*, 1445.]

* The testator, who bears a North-country name, was, I imagine, a retainer of the Nevilles at Sheriffhutton Castle: he was probably a member of the Westmerland family of his name. A Crackenthorpe of Newbiggin was at this time in the service of the Nevilles.

† An advocate in the Consistory Court at York. Some extracts from the will of his kinsman, John Carleton, who was a canon in the Cathedral church of York, have been already given. The testator was one of his executors. The preamble to the present document has been elaborately drawn up by the testator himself. A name-

curiæ Eboracensis, in meæ mentis sanitate perfecta notorie existens, infirmitate tamen corporali graviter detentus, hujusmodi meæ mortis horam disposicione saltem testamentaria deliberavi preveniendo, de bonis michi a Deo collatis eulogium atque meam ultimam voluntatem condo, ordino et declaro in hunc modum. Imprimis, animam meam commendo in manus misericordissimi Redemptoris Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, Beatissimæque Virginis Mariæ, ac Omnium Sanctorum ; et lego corpus meum sepeliendum in navi Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Petri Eboracensis, infra processionem, cum una petra marmorea sculpta ad disposicionem executorum meorum. Item lego duos cerios ponderis decem librarum ceræ comburendos circa corpus meum in exequiis meis. Item lego ecclesiæ meæ de Hoton Bussell unam calicem argenti et unum Missale. Item lego ecclesiæ parochiali Sancti Johannis del Pike duas fiolas argenti et unum paxborde deauratum.—Roberto Smeton unum Psalterium per ipsum diu desideratum. Jacobo filio ejus unum parvum Primarium meum. Isabellæ uxori ejusdem unam togam de muterdevelers de liberatura Magistri Roberti Gilbert, dudum decani Ecclesiæ Eboracensis.—Executores meos facio magistrum Johannem Marchall, canonicum Ecclesiæ Eboracensis, dominum Ricardum Ulneskelf et Thomam Farleton. Et lego magistro Johanni Marchall pro labore suo unam peciam deauratam cum sole et rosa in coopertorio, vel, si voluerit, aliam peciam deauratam cum armis in cooperculo, ita quod de istis duabus peciis unam tantum eligat et quam spreverit ipsam lego domino Ricardo Ulneskelf. Item lego magistro Thomæ Farleton unam peciam deauratam coopertam, Anglice, a chales cope. [*Pr.* 3 *Nov.* 1442.]

LXXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS RILLESTON NUPER DE RILLESTON IN CRAVEN DEFUNCTI.

October 8, 1442. Ego Johannes de Rilleston,* armiger—sep. in ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ de Rillestom infra chorum ex parte aus-

sake of the testator, John Carleton, of York, Esq. makes his will on the 22nd of January, 1438–9. In it he desires to be buried in the church of St. John in Marisco. To the fabric of the church of Riccal he leaves 10*s*. He mentions James and Thomas his sons, Ellen his daughter, and Margaret his wife.

* The head of a very ancient Craven family, which had been seated at Rilston from Saxon times. The testator by Joan his wife had two sons. John, his son and heir, died before him, and his will, from which extracts have been given in The York Wills, Vol. I., is dated on April 6, 1418. Robert, the testator's second son, is mentioned in his elder brother's will, and also in the present document. He would appear to have died without issue. The estates and representation of the family finally rested in Isabel, daughter and heiress of John de Rilleston (sister to the testator?) who became the wife of Miles Radclyffe, of Threshfield, Esq. She was

trali ejusdem ecclesiæ, coram ymagine Beatæ Mariæ Pietatis ibidem. Item do et lego rectori ecclesiæ de Burnesall optimum animal meum pro mortuario meo. Item do et lego Elizabethæ filiæ Willelmi Langdall unum ciphum argenti, nominatum Thoresby, et unum librum vocatum Prymer. Item do et lego Johanni filio ejusdem Willelmi unum ciphum argenti vocatum nutt. Nicholao filio ejusdem Willelmi unam vaccam. Johannæ filiæ ejusdem Willelmi duo catalla biennia. Roberto de Rilleston filio meo unum ciphum argenteum cum coopertorio argenti, qui quondam fuit Hugonis de Mitton, et unam placeam meam edificatam infra civitatem Ebor. in quodam vico vocato Waterlane, quæ quondam fuit Thomæ de Mitton. Willelmo Rilleston fratri meo septem animalia vocata twynternawt. Ranaldo Gibson servienti meo quatuor catalla nominata stirknawte, et unum equum subrufidum. Willelmo heredi meo unum ciphum argenti cum coopertorio ejusdem, et duo verna. [*Pr.* 30 *March*, 1443.]

LXXVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI WILLELMI DUFFELDE CAPELLANI EBOR.

April 6, 1443. Ego dominus Willelmus Duffeld, capellanus cantariæ Sancti Thomæ Cantuarensis in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum super Pavimentum in Ebor.—sep. in choro predictæ ecclesiæ. Lego omnes libros, qui quondam fuerunt domini Thomæ Corbrig,* Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, executoribus meis ad disponendum pro salute animæ meæ et animæ predicti domini Thomæ. Altari ecclesiæ meæ unum longum manutergium de twill. Johannæ Threpland meam zonam nigram argenteam. Uxori Roberti Sallay unum candelabrum pendens de laton cum quatuor gargons. Domino Ricardo Kirkeby, subcantatori vicariorum Ecclesiæ Eboracensis, unam parvam peciam argenti pounesed sine coopertorio. Domino Johanni Crake, vicario ecclesiæ predictæ, unam bursam vocatam gipsiane. Domino Roberto Crokelyne unam albam bursam de Burdeux. Domino

perhaps a daughter of the testator, but it is somewhat singular, if it were so, that she is not mentioned either by her father or by her brother. The family of Rilston was for several generations most intimately connected with the great house of Clifford, under the shadow of whose lordly castle they were so long resident. The father of the testator was the "cher compagnon" of Roger Lord Clifford, and in a document appended to the present will his son makes a deed of gift of all his lands to Thomas (son of Roger) Lord Clifford and Wm. de Rilleston, his brother. I need not refer to the beautiful legend which has graced this lonely spot, or to the equally beautiful verse in which that legend has been clothed. The White Doe of Rilston is too well known to require any advertisement here.

* Thomas de Corbridge, Archbishop of York from 1299, died in 1303, and was buried in Southwell Minster.

Thomæ Mosse, capellano, meum optimum rubium capucium. Domino Willelmo Swerd, capellano, unum par cultellorum cum manubrio de evire. Domino Johanni Wotton, capellano, unum par cultellorum cum manubrio de dugion. Domino Henrico Hobshort unum hawkebag de panno lineo. Nicholao Duffeld meam togam penulatam cum croppes. Filiæ seniori dicti Nicholai unum par linthiaminum cum uno cervicali cum cruce nigra existente in medio. Uxori Johannis Bridlyngton unam bursam rubiam de satan. Domino Thomæ Sarle, capellano, meam zonam rubeam argentatam et meam togam penulatam cum bevers. Domino Willelmo Day, capellano parochiali de Catton, unum par hawkbag ryngges. [*Pr.* 24 *April*, 1443.]

LXXVII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS RIDER RECTORIS DE WYBORTON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Johannis Rider, clericus, rector ecclesiæ de Wyborton, Linc. dioc. juxta Boston ac Prebendarius prebendæ de Iseldon eccles. S. Pauli London, xix. Aug. M.cccc.xlij. —Lego ecclesiæ de Wiborton duo Antiphonaria notata et j. calicem deauratum et j. vestimentum cheker coloris albi et blanci cum dorsorio et frontellis ejusdem operis. [*Prob. ult. Jul.* 1443.]

LXXVIII. TESTAMUNTUM HENRICI MARKETT DE EBORACO MARCATORIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xxix. Oct. M.cccc.xliij. Ego Henricus Markett de Eboraco, marcator—sepeliend. in eccles. mea par. Omnium Sanctorum super Pavimentum Ebor.—Lego fratri meo constituto in ordine sacerdotali, moranti in Colonia, medietatem unius panni lanei integri blodii coloris de Ipresse.—Lego Johanni Eddworth spatulam meam argento paratam et j. bonum annulum aureum, et unum par precum albarum.—Lego Willelmo Gaunte, marcatori, j. annulum aureum habentem ij. ymagines, quarum una est Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et altera Sancti Johannis, et in pecunia xl s. Henrico filio suo meum Primarium secundarium et xx s.—Christofero Bothe * meam spatulam argento paratam, meam optimam togam viridem cum penula, daggarium meum secundarium et in pecunia x li.—Lego Thomæ Barton, spyser, meum optimum gestrum et zonam meam optimam argento paratam.—Lego ad facturam unius fenestræ in eccles. mea parochiali

* Citizen and merchant of York, and Sheriff for the city in 1460. By his will, dated 6 Jan. 1448-9, he desires to be buried in the church of St. Peter the Little. To Alice his wife he leaves his lands in Sherburn in Elmet and Barston. To his son Thos. Bothe his tenement in Ulsenape,—son Chr. Blakey.

et ad facturam unius batilmentt super eccles. predictam x li. [*Prob.* 6 *Nov.* 1443.]

LXXIX. TESTAMENTUM WALTERI GOWER NUPER DE SHEROFHOTON ARMIGERI, DEFUNCTI.

Die Jovis, 10 Oct. 1443. Ego Walterus Gower,* sanus memoriæ —sep. in ecclesia Sanctæ Elenæ de Sheryfhoton, coram altari Sancti Nicholai. Item lego optimum equum meum nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego ad fabricam dictæ ecclesiæ vj s. viij d. Item lego ad ecclesiam Cathedralem Sancti Petri Eboracensis xiij s. iiij d. Item dispono Johannam Gower uxorem meam et Thomam Gower filium meum executores meos. Residuum, dictis executoribus meis, ut disponant pro anima mea sicut eis melius videtur.

Also my wyll ys, that Jonett my wyfe have my chefe maner place and iiij^or^ oxgange of land langing therto in Stytnam, als lange as she kepis hir sole; and yf sho tak hir a husband than the sayde place and the iiij^or^ oxgange land remane to Thomas my son, and to the ayres of his body commyng; and for defaute of issue of hym remane to the right ayres of my body commyng. Also my wyll ys that my dettez be paide of x li. rentt, the whilk sall be assigned to my childer; and eftir ye dettez be paide, yan my wyll ys that Margarett my doghter, Annes my doghter and Ane my doghter, have of ye same rentt ilkone of thame x. marc to hir mariage, bot yf any of thame be maried before. Also my will ys yat George my son hafe efter tyme my dettes be paide a rent charge of xxvj s. viij d. issuand owte of my landes and tenementes in Stitnam, duringe ye lyfe of Jonett my wife; and efter hir decesse my will ys yat ye said George reles the saide rentcharge of xxvj s. viij d. to Thomas his brother, and than the saide George to entre in ye place and iiij. oxganges land y^t^ was som tyme Isabell of Craven, to have and to hald terme of his lyfe, and aftir his decese to remane to Thomas his brothir and ye ayres of his body commyng. Also my will ys that William my son, Richerd, Edward and Robert my sonnes, have ilkon of yame a rentcharge of xxvj s. viij d. ȝerely be even porcions durynge yare lyves paide be ye handes of Thomas my son or his ayres. Also my will is y^t^ if ye saide George, William, Richerd, Edward or Robertt my sonnes, on or any of thame, be preferred be mariage, office or benefice, to ye valewe of x li., than yai to cese of the saide rentcharge of xxvj s. viij d., and the saide Thomas be discharged therof. [*Pr.* 16 *Nov.* 1443.]

* A younger son of the family of Gower, of Stittenham, who has not been noticed in any of the genealogies of that ancient house.

LXXX. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI ROBERTI ESYNGWALD PROCURATORIS CURLÆ EBORACENSIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Robertus Esyngwald,* clericus, Curiæ Ebor. procurator generalis, compos mentis—primo die mensis Augusti, Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo tercio—corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Beati Petri Ebor. coram ymagine Beatæ Mariæ situata ubi populi offerunt ad fabricam ejusdem ecclesiæ, sub lapide marmoreo ibidem pro me posito. Item lego mortuarium meum debitum ecclesiæ Sancti Michaelis de Berefrid. Lego rectori ejusdem ecclesiæ pro decimis meis omissis sive oblitis xx s. Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Cath. Ebor. xx s. et pro sepultura mea in eadem habenda xx s. Lego decem lb. ceræ in ij tapers conficiendæ ad comburendum circa corpus meum tempore exequiarum mearum.—Item lego xx s. ad sustentandum duos cereos, unum, videlicet, coram crucifixo principali et alium in choro S. Thomæ coram ymagine B. Mariæ ibidem in ecclesia mea parochiali predicta, quamdiu dicta summa xx s. durare poterit. Item lego pro expensis meis funeralibus faciendis et pro convocacione amicorum meorum die sepulturæ meæ viij l. Et lego ad distribuendum pauperibus eodem die xl s. Et capellano de Berefrido ij s. — et domino Thomæ Goldhow rectori de Wyggington xiij s. iiij d.—Lego Thomæ Smyth de Esyngwald xx s. ac unam togam cum capucio meliori, unam pelvim cum lavacro, et unum arcum rotundum.—Lego Johanni Wyldon de Husthwate et Johannæ uxori suæ xxvj s. viij d., unam cellam cum freno et gladium meum secundarium. Lego domino Willelmo Burn, capellano, divina celebraturo pro anima mea, parentum meorum, ac Hawisiæ quondam uxoris meæ, in ecclesia mea parochiali de Berefrido per duos annos x l. sterlingorum.—Johanni Thweyng, generoso, vj s. viij d.—Lego magistro Wilelmo Langton,† quondam

* Another proctor in the Court of York, and one who had evidently thriven in his lucrative profession. Several notices of the family have previously occurred, and I only add another or two. The will of John Esyngwald, citizen and merchant of York, dated Feb. 19, 1439-40, who desires to be buried in the church of the Augustine Friars, at York, near the bodies of his father and his brothers. To Mr. Robert Esyngwald (the testator above) he leaves 20s. To Dame Alice E. of York, a ring of gold. To John his son his sword and baslard ornamented with silver. To Joan his wife his share of his three best silver standing pieces. [*Pr.* 26 *Feb. seq.*] He was Sheriff for the city in 1432. The testator was probably indebted for his position to the good offices of Master Roger Esyngwald, who was Commissary General of the Court at York, and Vicar of Burneston in Richmondshire. He died in 1438, and on the 15th of August in that year John Bolton, alderman of York, and Mr. William Langton, clerk, notary public, administer to his effects.

† William Langton, rector of St. Michael, Ousebridge, made his will Dec. 13, 1464, and in it he desires to be buried in the choir of his parish church, between the high altar and the lavatory. He leaves to his church his Missal, Manual, chalice, and three

clerico meo, xl s. et omnes quaternos meos de Practicis Curiæ, videlicet, Libellorum, Posicionum, Articulorum, Excepcionum, et aliorum, et eidem unum parvum lavacrum pendibile, j flatt bowe, et j defensorium argento ornatum. Et magistro Roberto Stillington* legum doctori, filiolo meo, unum librum vocatum Clement, et alium librum vocatum Raymond, ac librum vocatum Innocenc'. Et lego filiolis meis, viz. Rogero filio Willelmi Bowes, Roberto Howson fleccher, et Roberto filio Roberti Bolton, ipsorum cuilibet xij d.—Et lego officiali Curiæ Ebor. commissario suo, receptori scaccarii, advocatis, procuratoribus et aliis ejusdem Curiæ ministris, pro uno jonkrey† eis faciendo, xx s.—Et magistro Johanni Marchall,‡ magistro meo, unam magnam peciam argenti flatte cum cooperculo scripto in eodem **Vinum letificat cor hominis.**—Johanni Caldebeck, clerico, v s. et j lectum cum tapeto de rubio worsted ad deserviendum in capella B. Mariæ Magd. in Bowthom ibidem, deserviturum in festis B. M. Magd. quamdiu durare valeat. Et Priori et Conventui de Novo Burgo maximam meam ollam eneam. Et Priori ac Conventui Sanctæ Trinitatis Ebor. j magnum ciphum murreum et

vestments. To the making (ad fabricam) of the new bells in the said church 100*s*. To Margaret Ecop, my cousin, "craterem bassum," covered and gilt and marked with swans. To Master William her son "librum Bartholomei super SS nono," the sixth book of Decretals, with the Three Doctors. To my brother Sir Thomas Langton my Portiforium. To Alice del Hay, my sister, a bed couched — my brother Richard —. To Simon del Hay my sword, to each of his daughters, towards their marriage, 100*s*. and to each of his sons five marks. To the ministers of the Court at York, for their entertainment, 26*s*. 8*d*. To Sir John Knapton my beads of amber and one faulden spoon. The residue to Sir Thomas Holbren, of York, and my brother Thomas Langton, of Hesilwood. [*Pr*. 14 *Aug*. 1466.]

* Master Robert Stillington, Doctor of Laws, the godson of the testator, was a distinguished man. In 1448 he was appointed to the prebend of Givendale in the church of Ripon, to a prebend in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin and the Holy Angels at York, and to the rectory of the church of St. Michael on Ousebridge. In 1450-1 he exchanged his canonry of St. Decumanus in the church of Wells with John Bradston for the stall of Fenton in the church of York. In 1459 he resigned all these benefices, together with the stall of Oxton-cum-Crophill in the church of York, to which he had been presented in the interim, for the prebend of Wetwang. His advance was now rapid: he became successively Archdeacon of Taunton, Keeper of the Privy Seal, Bishop of Bath and Wells, and Lord High Chancellor of England. His political career, though marked by considerable ability, was nevertheless an unfortunate one. He took a leading part in the many intrigues of that eventful period, and he did not escape from the misfortunes which intriguers frequently entail upon themselves. He adopted the cause of Lambert Simnel, for which he was imprisoned at Windsor, and he died in captivity in 1491.

† This word appears to be a *clerical* and Anglicized version of jentaculum. The clerks of the Court of York must frequently have held high festival in old times, as we not unfrequently meet with a bequest for their "recreation." May not *jonkrey* be the parent of our word junketing?

‡ John Marshall was registrar of the Court at York, as well as receiver to the Archbishop. In 1438 he was appointed to the prebend of Barnby, in the church of York, which he resigned in 1443 for that of Wighton. He was also prebendary of Normanton, in the church of Southwell, and vicar of Osbaldwicke. He died in 1461.

xl s. sterl. ita quod celebrent obitum meum die sepulturæ cum debita pulsacione campanarum.—Constituo executores meos dominos Georgium Thweng, Thomam Holbryn, et Will. Burn, capellanos. [*Prob. penult. die Dec.*]

LXXXI. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ CARR NUPER CIVIS ET DRAPOR EBOR.

April 28, 1444. Thomas Karr,* civis et drapor Ebor.—Item lego c s. ad emendum duas cathenas aurias, unam, videlicet, ad ponendum circa collum yemaginis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, stantis ad altare ejusdem Virginis Mariæ, post summum altare ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis ; et alteram ad ponendum circa collum Filii yemaginis predictæ, in brachiis ejusdem existentis. Item lego unum annulum aureum, precii xiii s. iiij d., ad ponendum et cathenandum circa collum yemaginis Beatæ Mariæ predictæ.—Item lego xx marcas ad edificacionem lateris borialis ecclesiæ meæ parochialis Sancti Sampsonis in Ebor. cum gabulo ejusdem ; ita quod parochiani ejusdem ecclesiæ illud edificari faciant infra tres vel quatuor annos proximos post decessum meum in forma qua latus australe ejusdem modo edificatur, secundum declaracionem executorum meorum eisdem parochianis viva voce inde notificandam.

LXXXII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS RADCLYFF, CIVIS ET MERCATORIS EBOR.

May 15, 1444. Ego Johannes Radclyff,† civis et mercator Eboracensis—sep. in ecclesia mea parochiali Sanctæ Crucis in Fossegate, in choro Beatæ Mariæ Virginis ibidem.—Item lego x li. dandas capellano ad proficiendum peregre' pro me ad Curiam Romanam, et ad celebrandum in Scala Celi unum trentale missarum pro anima mea et parentum meorum, et pro animabus Katerinæ‡ uxoris meæ, Johannis filii mei et Aliciæ uxoris suæ,

* A wealthy tradesman of York, who was one of the sheriffs for the city in 1428. The architectural information that his will contains is valuable.

† A rich and pious merchant of York. The friends and kinsmen for whom he desires the prayers of the faithful are numerous. A pilgrimage to Rome was at this time by no means uncommon. There were several colleges and hospices in Rome for the reception of the English pilgrims, and the registers of the Archbishops of York contain several most valuable briefs in English in their behalf. A list of the pilgrims from England for a short period has been printed in the Collectanea Topographica.

‡ Catherine Radclyff, the widow of the testator, by her will dated 19 July, 1458, desires to be buried in the church of St. Crux in Fossegate, in the choir of the Blessed Virgin Mary, in the tomb of her husband. She mentions her daughter Agnes Holgate, deceased. She leaves to the high altar of the church "unum osculatorium vocatum paxbrede" of silver and gilt. To the fabric of the chapel of Gosner, where she was born, she leaves 20*s*.

Nicholai filii mei et Agnetis uxoris suæ, Hugonis fratris mei et Agnetis uxoris suæ, et Thomæ filii mei ; ac pro animabus Roberti Skirmer, Thomæ Skirmer et Henrici Skirmir, ac Ricardi Radclyf, Johannis Radclyf et Roberti Radclif, filiorum meorum, ac Katerinæ Radclyf, Elenæ Radclyf, Dionisiæ Radclyffe, Johannæ Radclyff et Ceciliæ Radclyff, filiarum mearum, necnon pro animabus Ricardi Thoresby et Agnetis uxoris suæ, Johannis Raskell et Aviciæ uxoris suæ, Nicholai Blakburn senioris, magistri Thomæ Tesedale, Johannis Malton clerici, Willelmi Woderall senioris, Willelmi Woderall junioris, Thomæ Loversall, et Roberti Feriby ac omnium fidelium defunctorum.—Item lego facturæ octo fenestrarum vitrearum in ecclesia mea parochiali de novo faciendarum xv li.

LXXXIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI GYRLYNGTON NUPER CIVIS ET DRAPER EBOR.

May 20, 1444. Ego Willelmus Girlyngton,* civis et draper Ebor.—corpus meum in ecclesiastica sepultura sepeliendum. Item lego pro mortuario meo optimam meam togam pro corpore meo talliatam. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eboracensis xl s. Item lego quatuor ordinibus Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor. viij li. argenti, videlicet cuilibet ordini xl s. Item lego Fraternitati Sancti Johannis Baptistæ Eboracensis xx s. Item lego quatuor domibus leprosorum in suburbiis Ebor. xx s., per equales porciones. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes manentes in le; Measondieux civitatis Ebor. xl s. Item lego pauperibus Cremetts Hospitalis Sancti Leonardi Ebor. xiij s. iiij d. Item lego prisonariis domini Archiepiscopi Eboracensis, in victualibus sibi liberandis, xiij s. iiij d. Item lego prisonariis in les Kidcotes, modo consimili, x s. Item lego cuilibet anachoritæ Eboracensi x s. Item lego pro decimis et oblacionibus meis

* A younger son of the family of Girlington of Girlington, in Richmondshire. The Girlingtons had for some time been in the possession of property in York, which appears to have been inherited by the testator. He seems to have realised a large fortune by his profession, and his shop probably supplied him with the means of making some most useful and charitable legacies. He leaves 100 beds each furnished with a pair of sheets, a pair of blankets, and a coverlet, and 100 pairs of shoes to as many poor people. These liberal bequests show that the testator was a man of substance. He was also of no little consideration in York, as we find him holding the office of sheriff for the City in 1427, mayor in 1440, and M.P. in 20 Henry VI. The new genealogical information which this will discloses does not tally with any pedigree of the family that I am acquainted with.

Stephen de Gryllington (Girlington) of York, "lyttester," an ancestor of the testator, in his will dated June 18, 1394, desires to be buried in the church of St. John the Evangelist on Ousebridge. He leaves to Margaret Clarevaux three ells of linen cloth, and to Agnes his wife, whom he appoints his executrix, all his lands in York. [*Pr.* 21 *Oct.* 1394.]

oblitis xx s. Item lego ad salarium duorum capellanorum pro anima mea et anima Elenæ, quondam uxoris meæ, parentumque nostrorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, in ecclesia mea parochiali Sancti Andreæ Ebor. celebraturorum, in ecclesia Sancti Martini in Conyngstrete in Eboraco, per tres annos proxime post decessum meum, xxj. marcas, capientium per annum vij. marcas. Item lego et dispono ad v^{xx} lectos in forma sequenti ordinandos, videlicet, v^{xx} coverlettes, precii cujuslibet iij s. iiij d., xxv. marcas; item v^{xx} paria linthiaminum, quolibet pari continente octo ulnas, precii cujuslibet paris ij s. iiij d., xx. marcas; et v^{xx} paria lodicium, quolibet pari continente quatuor ulnas, precii cujuslibet paris iij s. iiij d., xxv. marcas, et v^{xx} pauperibus personis penes discrecionem executorum meorum ministrandos et erogandos, quam cito post mortem meam commodius fieri poterit. Item lego ad v^{xx} paria calciamentorum et caligarum emendum, et v^{xx}. pauperibus personis erogandis pro anima mea et animabus antedictis v li. xvj s. viij d., precii cujuslibet paris xiiij d. Item lego Henrico Girlyngton consanguineo meo quatuor ulnas panni nigri ad unam togam. Item lego ad maritagium filiæ dicti Henrici decem marcas, si ipse vixerit tempore mortis meæ, aliter non. Item lego Willelmo et Johannæ, liberis Johannis Girlyngton, fratris mei defuncti, decem marcas equaliter dividendas. Item lego Roberto et Willelmo, filiis bastardis Johannis Girlyngton avunculi mei, quatuor libras inter eos equaliter dividendas. Item lego Aliciæ, filiæ ejusdem Johannis Girlyngton, xl s. Item lego uxori Nicholai Girlyngton,* consanguinei mei, unum ciphum argenti precii quatuor marcarum. Item lego Katerinæ Dalton et Aliciæ sorori suæ, seu earum alteri superviventi, xx s. Item lego Willelmo Freman, clerico, xx s. Item lego Willelmo Blenkarn et Margaretæ uxori suæ quinque marcas. Item lego Roberto Siggeswick, consanguineo meo, xl s. Item lego ad reparacionem pontis de Caterik vj li. Item lego ad reparacionem pontis de Kirkham iiij li. Item remitto et condono omnibus pauperibus debitoribus meis, qui commode solvere non possint, omnia illa debita quæ michi debent. Item do et lego Johannæ† uxori meæ

* Nicholas Girlington of York, the testator's cousin, makes his will September 17, 1464, and in it he desires to be buried either in St. Mary's Abbey or in the house of the Holy Trinity in York. He leaves 40*l.* to a chaplain to pray for his soul, and those of William and Nicholas Girlington, his parents, children, brothers, sisters, and benefactors' souls. He makes his wife Elizabeth his executrix and the guardian of his children. [*Pr.* 22 *Sept. seq.*]

† After her husband's death she remarried . . . Deyne, whom she survived, and by her will, dated at York July 19, 1457, she directs her body to be buried in the high choir of the church of St. Andrew's, York, in the tomb of William Girlington, her late husband. To her cousin Nicholas Girlington she leaves a silver cup gilt in the shape of a nut. To Elizabeth his wife she gives a salt of silver, covered and parcel gilt. To Nicholas Girlington his son, and Elizabeth his wife, a great pair of iron andirons. To Margaret Girlington, sister of the said Nicholas Girlington junior, her best bowl.

totum statum meum in isto tenemento et gardino in Litill Seint Andrewgate in Eboraco quæ et quos habui ex concessione Johannis Forth et Johannis Dubber de Eboraco, mercers, administratorum bonorum quæ fuerunt Johannis Bowland, nuper civis et marcatoris Ebor., et quæ predictus Johannes Bowland nuper habuit ex dimissione Christofori Spencer armigeri—et volo quod post decessum suum remaneant Nicholao Girlyngton predicto, consanguineo meo. Item do et lego predicto Nicholao Girlyngton, consanguineo meo, totum illud tenementum meum in Litill Saynt Andrewgate, quod nuper habui ex dono et feoffamento Ricardi Arnall clerici et Johannis Spanyell capellani, quod quondam fuit Johannis Bowland. Residuum executoribus meis, quos constituo Johannam uxorem meam, Ricardum Warter civem et marcatorem Eboracensem, predictum Nicholaum Girlyngton consanguineum meum, Willelmum Stillyngton, Johannem Marton et Robertum Warderop. Datum Ebor. [*Pr.* 7 *June*, 1444.]

LXXXIV. TESTAMENTUM ANTONII DE SANCTO QUINTINO ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI.

March 14, 1443–4. Ego Antonius de Sancto Quintino,* armiger, dominus de Harpham—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis de Harpham, coram altari Beatæ Mariæ ibidem. Item do et lego optimum meum equum cum sella et freno ac totali apparatu pro eisdem cum armatura mea, ut moris est, pro mortuario meo. Item lego quatuordecim libras ceræ operatas in cereis circa corpus meum comburendis die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego quinquaginta libras ceræ et rosyn ad quatuor torcheas comburendas ibidem eodem die. Item lego cuilibet sacerdoti exequiis meis interessenti eodem die xij d. Item cuilibet clerico ibidem existenti iiij d. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beati Petri Eboracensis vj s. viij d. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Harpham pro anima mea et Elizabethæ uxoris meæ in memoria habenda xx s. Fabricæ ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Sancti Johannis Beverlaci vj s. viij. Item lego uni ydoneo et discreto capellano ad celebrandum divina in capella de Harpham pro anima mea per unum annum iiij li. Willelmo filio meo decem libras

To William Goldyne, her brother, a silver piece covered "cum le cardnall hatt, unam murram cum uno fronnce," six silver spoons, and one bed of green, with a lion couched. To the wife of Thomas Goldyng a gown of violet, "penulatam cum mynks." [*Pr.* 30 *July seq.*]

* The head of the great house of St. Quintin of Harpham, in the East Riding. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Frank of Grimsby, by whom he left three sons and two daughters. The present will makes some alterations in the received pedigree of this family.

monetæ Angliæ. Antonio filio meo decem libras. Margaretæ filiæ meæ quadraginta marcas. Johannæ filiæ meæ decem marcas. Fratribus quatuor ordinum xxvj s. viij d. Johanni fratri meo, canonico, xx s. Item volo quod predicti filii et filiæ meæ Willelmus, Antonius, Johannes, Margareta et Johanna, sint sub tutela et custodia executorum meorum. Executores meos constituo Thomam de Sancto Quintino * armigerum, filium meum et heredem, Thomam Arden † de Marton armigerum, et Willelmum Ward de Lowthorpp. Datum apud Beverlacum. [*Pr.* 3 *July*, 1444.]

LXXXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BROMPTON DE BEVERLACO NUPER DEFUNCTI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In nomine Summæ et Individuæ Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Nono die mensis Julii, Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo quarto, Ego Johannes Brompton de Beverlaco,‡ mercator, compos mentis et in bona memoria mea existens, condo, ordino et dispono testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, transiturus ab hoc mundo, Pater, in manus tuas commendo spiritum meum, redimisti me, Domine Deus veritatis, et si non meis meritis, qui homo peccator sum, spero tamen quod sinus Abrahæ me suscipiet redempcione passionis Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, et meritis et suffragiis precelsæ Genetricis Dei Mariæ, Sanctorum Michaelis, Gabrielis, Raphaelis, et omnium Angelorum et Archangelorum, Sanctorum Johannis Baptistæ et Patriarcharum Omnium, Sanctorum Petri et Pauli, Andreæ, Jacobi, Johannis et

* Thomas St. Quintin, Esq. the eldest son and heir of the testator, married Elizabeth, or Agnes, daughter of Sir John Constable of Halsham, Knight. Sir John Constable in his will mentions his daughter Elizabeth St. Quintin ; but, on the 24th of July, 1445, the administration to the effects of Thomas St. Quintin, Esq. is granted to Agnes his widow, Sir John Constable being a bondsman. He died without issue, and his estates passed to his second brother William. His widow remarried Sir William Skipwith.

† See his will under the year 1455.

‡ The will of a most opulent merchant at Beverley, which gives us a striking picture of the wealth and commercial greatness which formerly centred in that place. Few towns have had a greater downfall ; but even now, in the midst of its decay, we may still meet with traces of its ancient prosperity. The stately Minster, which would be an ornament to any town in Europe, is a living witness of the munificence which bade it rise above the plain, and it answers more decisively than any words could do the assertions of those who would say that beauty and taste are in their very nature incompatible with commerce, and that the merchant must necessarily make his merchandize his God. The testator makes his bequests on a scale of princely magnificence, and there is hardly a church or a religious establishment in Beverley or its neighbourhood that is omitted by him. The preamble to his will is drawn up in a strain of earnest and touching piety.

Apostolorum, Omnium Sanctorum, Georgii, Dionisii, Thomæ, Albani et Omnium Sanctorum Martirum, Sanctorum Edwardi, Remigii, Nicholai, Johannis de Beverlaco, Johannis de Bridlyngton et omnium Confessorum, Sanctarum Annæ, Magdalenæ, et Brigidæ, matronarum Venefridæ, Katerinæ, Barbaræ, Etheldredæ, Ursulæ et Undecim Millium, ac omnium Sanctarum Virginum, et tocius celestis curiæ. Item devote commendo Summi Salvatoris clemenciæ summæ fidem, spem et caritatem. Item lego corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia collegiata Beati Johannis Beverlaci, juxta corpus Elenæ uxoris meæ. Item lego fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ xx s. Item fabricæ ecclesiæ Beati Petri Ebor. v s. [" Pro fabrica Petri*" *in margine.*] Item fabricæ capellæ Beatæ Mariæ Beverlaci x s. Item lego magistro Henrico Bowett, quondam rectori meo et prebendario prebendæ Sancti Martini in dicta ecclesia collegiata Beati Johannis Beverlaci, vj s. viij d. Item utrique domui Fratrum de Kyngeston super Hull iij s. iiij d. Item cuilibet domui Fratrum de Scardeburgh iij s. iiij d. Item lego Conventui monialium et sororum domus de Watton ad unam petanciam xx s. Item lego Priorissæ de Swyn iij s. iiij d., cuilibet moniali dictæ domus ij s., et vicario ibidem iij s. iiij d. Et cuilibet capellano ibidem divina celebraturo infra ecclesias dictæ villæ xij d. Item Hamond servienti ibidem xij d., et cuilibet mulieri servienti dictis monialibus infra Abbathiam predictam vj d. Item monialibus de Killyng x s. Item monialibus de Burneham v s. Item lego in cera comburenda tempore exequiarum mearum v marcas. Item lego ad vestiendum tresdecim pauperes viros portaturos cereos in panno russeto xxxvj s. Item lego ad vestiendum iij ^{xx} pauperes utriusque sexus in panno dicto Coventr' russet walshefresed x l. Item lego distribuendas pauperibus tempore obitus mei xviij l. Item leprosis extra barras boriales Beverlaci ij s. et dimidiam celdram carbonum. Item lego pauperibus domus elemosinæ extra barras predictas, qualibet septimana durante termino trium annorum, ad petanciam iiij d. Item cuilibet eorum tempore obitus mei vj d. et unam celdram carbonum. Item pauperibus Sanctæ Trinitatis super le Crossebrig, qualibet septimana durante termino triu mannorum, ad unam petanciam iiij d. Item cuilibet eorum in die sepulturæ

* Nearly the whole of the early wills at York are neatly transcribed into registers, all of which have an ample margin. Whenever there is a bequest to the fabric of the Cathedral, there is a small cross in the margin, followed by "fabricæ Petri." The representatives of the various testators probably paid the amount of this legacy into the hands of the registrar; and he, for he was generally an officer of the church himself, found this notification of great service when he turned over his books before rendering up his accounts to the proper authorities. There are few wills which do not contain some bequest to the fabric of St. Peter. Glorious indeed and vast though that temple be, it will rise still vaster and more glorious before our eyes if we but remember that it is a monument of praise and adoration which has been raised by ten thousand hands.

meæ vj d. et inter eosdem unam celdram carbonum. Item pauperibus domus Sancti Johannis in Lathgate, qualibet septimana durante termino trium annorum, ij d. Item cuilibet sorori domus Sancti Egidii vj d. et inter easdem dimidiam celdram carbonum. Item lego cuilibet pauperi ad numerum xv., qualibet septimana ad terminum iiij. annorum, j d. Item reclusæ juxta ecclesiam Sancti Egidii iij s. iiij d. Item anachoritæ ad Frariam Sancti Nicholai Beverlaci xviij d. Item lego vicario meo parochiali iij s. iiij d. Item lego clerico meo parochiali xij d. Item lego cuilibet capellano existenti in exequiis meis et missa iiij d. Item lego in cibacione pauperum et aliorum amicorum meorum ac in vestura fratrum et amicorum meorum xij l. Item lego ad solvendum domino Regi unam taxam vel duas dimidias taxas pro inhabitantibus, scilicet, Langetofte et Cotom (*sic*). Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Langetofte x s. Item lego cuilibet pauperi utriusque sexus in dictis villis de Langetofte et Cotom xij d. Item lego duobus capellanis pro me divina celebraturis per tres annos in le Charnell, capiente utroque per annum vij. marcas. Item lego Johanni Burnard capellano pro me in ecclesia vocata Holmekirke divina celebraturo per tres annos quolibet anno vij. marcas. Item do et lego dicto Johanni Burnard xl s. Item lego uni capellano in ecclesia de Langetoft celebraturo pro animabus parentum meorum et omnium benefactorum meorum per unum annum vj. marcas dimidiam. Item do et lego Nicholao Brompton, filio meo, cccc l. Item lego eidem Nicholao unam obligacionem de Thoma Brompton et executoribus suis mihi factam de summa sexaginta duarum marcarum sex solidorum et viij d. Item lego eidem Nicholao duas obligaciones per Comitem Northumbriæ michi factas et unam literam per Comitissam Northumbriæ michi directam de summa ciiij l. vj s. viij d. Item lego eidem Nicholao debita mea per Johannem Bedford pro iij. quarteriis de navi vocata Bartilmew, et aliis parcellis debitis prout in parvo libro rubeo continentur ; summa lxv l. x d. Item do et lego Nicholao Brompton, filio meo, unum messuagium cum pertinentiis in Newbiggyng, quod habui de dono et feoffamento Thomæ Rose, habendum—sibi et heredibus. Item lego predicto Nicholao quandam vastam terram juxta Maliface mylne. Item do et lego predicto Nicholao unam peciam deauratam, viz. meam optimam, quam emi de Alicia Barton de Doncastre, ponderantem xlix uncias. Item lego eidem Nicholao unam peciam coopertam cum batelment deauratam cum nodo azor ponderantem xxxiiij. uncias iij d. ob., j. flat pece coopertam pounced cum rosis et aquilis ponderantem xiij. uncias ; j. peciam planam ponderantem xij. unc., unam peciam planam, unde fuerunt quinque de eadem secta ; j. goblet coopertam cum ij.

bendis et poll' deauratam ponderantem xj. unc. vij d. ob.; unam ollam argenteam continentem j. quart ponderantem xix. unc. dim. vij d. ob. Item lego eidem, j. saltsaler argenti coopertum; j. novam murram cum dim. dos. cocliarium argenti cum nodis deauratis ponderantium vj. unc. dim. vij d. ob.; j. lectum de arras werke cum yemagine Beatæ Mariæ et trium Regum. Item j. coverlet de blodio cum capitibus damarum viridibus cum alio coopertorio rubeo habente in lystyng volucres et albas ollas. Item j. par linthiaminum duplicum. Item lego eidem dimidium dos. de pewdre vessell de London. cum j. de iiij. pelvibus countrefeetes cum lavacro de Brigges vel facto London. et cum secunda pelvi lat' de semfactura. Item do et lego eidem ollam meam enneam optimam ponderantem vj. dos. iij li. cum alia olla ennea ponderante xiiij li., meam optimam patellam enneam tripedem cum duabus auribus ponderantem xx li.; j. chawfer de auricalco cum lavacro pendente emptum de Willelmo Dighton. Item lego eidem dim. dos. qwissyngges clothes cum gaytes de arras werke cum duobus banqquers rubeis et nigris. Item lego eidem meam optimam togam de scarleto cum furrura de funes et j. nigram chimbre furr' cum calaber. Item lego eidem duas togas de ultimis sectis mercatorum cum capucio meo optimo de scarlet et j. cappe de scarlet. Item lego eidem Nicholao j. mappam de twille continentem vj. ulnas cum j. manutergio de twille continente x ulnas. Item eidem j. veru ferreum optimum de iiij. majoribus et veru optimum de iiij. minoribus. Item j. cathedram magnam de Flaunders worke cum j. longa formula de firre cum duabus brevioribus. Item lego eidem j. cisternam ad ordium stantem in le stipehouse cum una nova archa de Flaunderse factura stantem in magna camera. Item lego eidem Nicholao j. standyng counter existentem in aula juxta introitum a le parlur. Omnia ista prescripta et prelegata do et lego predicto Nicholao filio meo sub hac condicione quod predictus Nicholaus deliberet seu deliberari faciat michi vel alicui alio nomine meo assignato omnimodas obligaciones seu evidencias per me pro maritagio suo vel alias sigillatas in quibus obligatus sum, quæ a me injuste detinentur. Item do et lego Johanni Brompton filiolo meo, filio Thomæ Brompton, xl. marcas. Item lego eidem Johanni j. stantem peciam deauratam cum Michaell et Dracone ponderantem xxxj. unc. dim. Item lego eidem j. peciam argenteam cum cooperculo surgente pounced cum rosis et aquilis ponderantem xiij. unc. Item lego eidem j. flatpece deauratam circa labia unde fuerunt quinque de secta. Item lego eidem j. goblet cum bende in medio deaurata ponder. v. unc. dim. vij d. ob. Item lego eidem j. ewer deaurat. ponder. xij. unc. viij d., j. ollam argenteam continentem j. quart ponder. xvij. unc. di. vij d. ob., j. pixidem argenteam pro

pulvere cum nodo azer ponder. iij. unc. dim. Item lego eidem dim. dos. cocliarium argenti cum nodis deauratis ponder. vj. unc., j. cisternam ad ordium stantem in le stepehouse, j. togam penulatam cum feches blodiam, j. dosour de blodio viridi pro superiore parte aulæ cum duabus costers pro utroque latere aulæ cum v. bangqweres ejusdem coloris et dim. dos. qwissengges ejusdem coloris. Item lego eidem dim. dos. qwisshengges cum gaytes de arras werke; longam tabulam pro superiore parte aulæ cum tribus kerven tristes eidem pertinentibus, cum alia tabula vocata dormount in aula et cum alia tabula et tristes in le parlour cotidiana. Item lego eidem j. mappam de twille continentem vij. ulnas iij. quart. dim. cum j. manutergio de twille continente vij. uln. iij. quart. dim. et cum alio manutergio de twill continente vj. ulnas iij. qu. Item lego eidem Johanni j. mappam de plane cloth continentem viij. ulnas; dim. dos. de pewder vessell de London, j. de iiij. pelvibus counterfectis, lavacro de Brigges vel London factura cum optima pelvi lata cum semfactura et cum duabus basques coppes pro ponderacione j. dos. peper, existentibus in utraque tribus foraminibus. Item lego eidem j. chawffer de auricalco cum lavacro in aula pendente, j. pendens candelabrum de auricalco cum magno candelabro ferreo stante; j. ollam enneam cum brevibus pedibus ponder. iij. dos. x. lib. cum j. parva gotlyng pond. ij. lib. dim. Item lego eidem j. ketill enneum cum le klpe pond. ij. dos. iiij. lib. cum j. messyngpan non ligata pond. x. lib. Item lego eidem j. patellam ferream vocatam rostyngpan habentem j. spout in utraque fine. Item lego eidem Johanni j. brewynglede, j. leke lede, ij. worteledes clausa in j. fornas, j. maskefatt cum j. par qwernes; j. bordeditbed in magna camera cum curtens pendentibus circa ibidem; j. lectum plumarum cum le bolster existente super idem lectum cum j. par linthiaminum et cum j. pulvinare laquiat' cum crules in fine grene tartarin subexistent' et cum j. pulvinare plane. Item lego eidem optimum meum lectum de arras werke cum ymaginibus aucupantium circa stagnum cum j. tapeto de steuen werke. Item lego eidem j. cathedram magnam de Flaundres werke cum alia cathedra rotunda et cum una longa formula de firre cum aliis tribus brevibus et omnibus aliis scabellis. Item lego eidem j. counter cum cupbord cum ij. stages et cum j. kerven lange satill cum ij. stages, stante in magna camera. Item lego eidem j. prese kiste in magna camera cum j. warre kiste habentem ij. stages. Item lego eidem j. par gaulous ferreas cum omnibus hyngles et klpes et j. ladill cum ij. scomeres de auricalco. Item lego eidem secundarium veru meum magnum et secundarium de minoribus, mortarium enneum cum pestell ferreo cum magno mortario lapideo. Item lego eidem j. pressur pro

pannis custodiendis existentem in le forchaumbre cum veteri cista in le withdrawyngechaumbre et cum alia sista de firre in le wyne saler. Item lego eidem omnia ornamenta ad altaria pertinentia, viz. j. Missale cum signaculis argenteis et deauratis, j. calicem deauratum, j. vestimentum de blodio worsted, ij. plumaria steuend, j. frontellis ejusdem coloris, ij. auterclothes, j. superaltare de marmore albo non consecrato, j. par curtens de serico rubeo, et viridi, j. haly waterfatt de auricalco, cum una tabula cum ymagine crucifixi. Item do et lego Willelmo Brompton, filio Thomæ Brompton, xl. marcas si ipsum ad etatem sexdecim annorum vivere contigerit. Item lego eidem Willelmo j. flatt pece coopertam deauratam pounced cum j. wrethe circa coopertorium ponder. xxv. unc. dim. Item lego eidem j. peciam planam ponder. x unc. Item lego eidem j. collok argenteum pond. viij. unc. ix d. Item lego eidem j. goblett unde sunt vj. de secta. Item lego eidem j laver cum ij. spowtes deaurat. pond. vij. unc. et dim. vij d. ob. Item lego eidem j. pixidem argenteam pro pulvere cum nodo azorant' pond. iij. unc. dim. Item lego eidem dim. dos. whyisshynges clothes de mensibus anni of arras werke cum dim. dos. whisshens de viridi et blodio. Item lego eidem j. tabulam fulvam et nigram, quam habui de Petro Merflete de Hull. Item lego eidem j. mappam de twille continentem v. ulnas iij. qu. dim. cum. manutergio de twill cont. v. uln. dim. Item lego eidem j. mappam de playne clothe cont. vij. uln. dim. cum j. manutergio de playne clothe cont. vij. ulnas. Item lego eidem dim. dos. de pewder wessell de majoribus pale de senibus cum j. de iiij. pelvibus counterfets cum lavacro de Brigges vel London factura. Item lego eidem j. ollam enneam pond. xxij. lib. cum j. patella ennea vocata friyngpan pond. viij. lib. et cum uno goosse pan de ferro faurecornered. Item lego eidem ij. wortlede; clausa in j. fornas. Item lego eidem optimum bordetbed in le withdrawyng chaumbre cum curtens pendentibus circa idem. Item lego eidem j. lectum plumarium cum le bolster existentem in le forchaumbre. Item lego eidem j. par linthiaminum. Item lego eidem j. lectum blodium de arras worke cum duabus ymaginibus et racionibus **Moi Foi.** cum j. pulvinare de Prusewerke et cum alio pulvinare plano. Item lego eidem j. longe satill yrowne in magna camera cum j. cathedra rotunda et cum j. longa forma de firre cum duabus brevibus. Item lego eidem cisternam stantem in larderhouse. Item lego eidem j. rotundum veru ferreum cum j. de iiij. minoribus. Et si contingat predictum Willelmum infra etatem sexdecim annorum obire tunc volo quod omnia prescripta cedant usui Johannis et Thomæ fratrum et Helenæ sororis ejusdem. Et si —cedant usui Nicholai filii mei, filiorum et filiarum ejusdem. Item do et lego Thomæ Brompton filio Thomæ Brompton xl. marcas si

venerit ad etatem xvj. annorum. Item do et lego predicto Thomæ unum messuagium cum pertin. in Kyngeston super Hull. Et volo quod post decessum meum predictus Thomas exhibeatur ad scolas cum redditu ex predicto messuagio usque ad terminum xvj. annorum. Et si — rem. Johanni filio Nicholai Brompton filiolo meo. Item lego predicto Thomæ Brompton j. peciam flat deauratam pond. xij. unc. dim. v d. ob. Item lego eidem j. peciam argenteam coopertam stamped cum rosis pond. xix. unc. et dim. Item lego eidem j. flat peciam unde fuerunt quinque de secta, j. goblet unde sunt vj. de secta, dim. dos. cocliarium argenti pond. vj. unc. vij d. obolo excepto. Item lego eidem j. tabulam cum tristis existentem in magna camera. Item lego eidem j. mappam continentem iiij. ulnas dim. et clavem, cum uno manutergio de twille continentem vij. ulnas et cum j. manutergio de playn clothe cont. vj. uln. dim. Item lego eidem j. de iiij. pelvibus counterfetts sine lavacro cum j. holbasyn. Item lego eidem j. ollam enneam pond. xvj. lib. cum alia olla ennea pond. x. lib. et cum j. rotunda patella ferrea vocata fryingpan. Item lego eidem j. veru majus et j. veru minus. Item lego eidem j. lectum plumarum cum le bolster existentem in le waterhous chaumbre, j. par linthiaminum cum duobus planis pulvinaribus. Item lego eidem j. burded-bedd in le withdrawynchambre. Item lego eidem unum lectum cum tapetto de blodio say cum olifaunte cum coopertorio albo cum ℳ et rose blodiis et rubeis. Item lego eidem j. longe satill in le withdrawyngchaumbre cum j. longa formula de fyrre cum duabus brevioribus. Item lego eidem j. standyng chountre in le waterhouse chaumbre cum j. pruce kiste in eadem. Et si contingat predictum Thomam infra etatem xvj. annor. obire—omnia predicta cedant in usum Johannis et Willelmi fratrum et Helenæ sororis ejusdem.—Et si—tunc usui Nicholai filii mei. Item do et lego Helenæ Brompton fillæ Thomæ Brompton xl. marcas. Item lego predictæ Elenæ j. messuagium in Estgate in Beverlaco—Item lego predictæ Helenæ j. peciam coopertam cum batilment deauratam et nodo azor ponder. xxviij. unc., j. flat pece cum rosis in fundo ponder. viij. unc. except. vij d., j. goblet unde vj. sunt de secta, dim. dos. cocliarium argenti pond. vj. unc. except. vij d. ob., dim. dos. pewderwesell de London, j. ollam enneam pond. iij. dos. x. lib. cum j. messyngpan ligata pond. xiiij. lb. cum j. parva patella cum kilpis pond. iiij. lb., j. pelvem planam cum lavacro cum j. holow bassyn cum summa fracta, de auricalco, j. archam kervid cum Sancto Georgio et aliis ymaginibus, cum dim. dos. whyssyngclothes cum gaytes de arras werke, j. lectum plumarium cum bolster super lecto in le parlour, cum j. lecto viridi et tapetis cum signis albis, et cum j. par linthiaminum et j. pulvinare laquiato cum crules in fine grene tartarin super existente

et cum aliis pulvinaribus consutis cum serico, j. mappam de twille cont. iiij. ulnas iij. quart. dim. cum. j. manutergio de twille cont. x. uln. iij. qu. cum j. costre de pruce werke, j. zonam blodiam de serico deaurato habentem cum vittis aliis operibus interfactis pond. vj. unc., cum j. par precum de corall cont. viij^{xx} x. cum xx. gaudez deauratis et j. annulum de auro cum cruce auri et ymagine crucifixi et ymagine Beatæ Mariæ facta in cruce cum nodo de perell. Item do et lego JOHANNI BROMPTON FILIO NICHOLAI FILIOLO MEO xl. marcas, si vixerit ad etatem xvj. annorum, j. stantem peciam coopertam cum bend in medio et batilment deaurato et aquila super nodum pond. xxxj. unc., j. saltsaler argenti cum dim. dos. cocliarium argenti pond. vj unc. except vij d. ob., j. pelvem planam cum lavacro cum j. holowbostbasen cum anulo, dim. dos. pewdre wessell de nimore pale de senibus cum olla ennea cum kilp summa existente paunnetell' pond. ij. dos. dim. et cum messingpan ligata pond. xiij lb., melius bordebed in le waterhouse chaumbre cum lecto rubio et tapeto cum lignis viridibus et leonibus coronatis cum j. matrice super lectum in le parlour et j. par linthiaminum cum ij. pulvinaribus planis, j. mappam de twille cont. iiij. ulnas iij. qu. dim. cum manutergio de twille et j. pruce kiste in le menychaumbre. Et si contingat infra ætatem xvj. annor. obire—remaneant suis fratribus et sororibus. Item do et lego THOMÆ BROMPTON FILIO NICHOLAI xl. marcas, si ad etatem venerit xvj. annor., j. peciam emptam de Helena Fauconer pond. xxxij. unc. cum dim. dos. cocliarium pond. vj. unc. except. vij d. ob. et cum pelvi et lavacro de Flaundreshap, j. lectum rubeum et blodium cum tapeto cum ollis liliis viridibus et stellis viridibus et albis cum j. matrice in withdrawyngchambre cum j. pari linthiaminum et ij. pulvinaribus, j. ollam enneam cum j. kilp pond. xv lb et dim. cum olla alia ennea pond. vij lb. dim., j. mappam de twille, j. manutergium de twille.—Et si — rem. fratribus et sororibus. Item do et lego ROBERTO BROMPTON, FILIO NICHOLAI, xl. marcas si ad etatem xvj. annor. &c. j. flat peciam cum ℟ et stella sub fundo pond. xvj. unc., j. peciam factam pro cooperculo pounced cum rosis et aquilis pond. viij. unc. et dim. iij d. ob. ann., j. saltsaler argenti, j. pelvem planum cum lavacro de Flaundresshapp cum olla ennea pond. xv lb. et dim. et cum alia olla ennea cum lavacro fracto, ij. coopertoria cum j. whilte, j. par linthiaminum cum ij. planis pulvinaribus, j. mappam de twille. Et si contingat, &c. tunc fratribus et sororibus suis. Item do et lego HELENÆ BROMPTON, FILIO NICHOLAI BROMPTON, xl. marcas si vixerit ad etatem xv. annor. et unum messuagium in Blakefreer lane. Et si contingat—rem. Margaretæ sorori ejusdem—Thomæ B. filio Nicholai filii mei. Item lego predictæ Helenæ j. stantem peciam coopertam cum batelment et poll' deaurat. pond. xiiij. unc., j. goblet cum

dim. dos. cocliarium, dim. dos. pewdre wesell de London cum dim. dos. whisshons rubiis cum waterlefe, j. archam rubeam kerved in magna camera, &c. Et si—tum fratribus et sororibus. Item do et lego MARGARETÆ FILIÆ NICHOLAI BROMPTON xl. marcas si vixerit ad etatem xv. annor., j. flat pece coopertam pouncede cum rosis et aquilis, j. goblet, v. whisshons cum volucribus, j. zonam nigram de serico deauratam operatam continuat' cum volucribus auri pond. vj. unc., j. par precum de argento et corall continens vj^{xx} absque gaudeȝ et v. sunt de auro.—Et si contingat obire — tunc fratribus et sororibus. Item do et lego AGNETI BROMPTON FILLÆ NICHOLAI xl. marcas si vixerit ad etatem xv. annorum, j. peciam planam, j. collok argenti, j. goblet, j. murram veterem, j. zonam nigram de serico deauratam cum vj. barris rotundis, j. bursam de welvet rubeo habentem cor aureum ex una parte et ℳ aureum ex altera parte. Et si — tunc fratribus et sororibus.—Item do et lego JOHANNÆ BROMPTON FILLÆ PREDICTI NICHOLAI xl. marcas, si ad etatem xv. annor. &c. dim. dos. whisshenclothes de mensibus anni de arras werke, &c. Item do et lego Agneti Brompton cognatæ meæ et servienti xx li., vj. cocliaria argenti de veteri factura, j. coopertorium nigrum cum lignis et volucribus fulvis, j. par linthiaminum cum j. pulvinare de pr'ce worke et alium planum, cum j. pulvinare et le bolster super lectum secundarium in le parloure, &c. Item lego Johanni Brompton chapman filio Ricardi Brompton xl s. cum j. coopertorio de draconblod. Thomæ Brompton de Langetoft, husbandman, v. marcas. Roberto Brompton, chapman, xl s., j. coopertorium nigrum cum pavonibus fulvis et melius matres in le menychaumbre, j. singulo fres cum x. vittis argenti.—Thomæ Brompton, filio Thomæ Brompton de Langetofte, husbandman, xl s., j. coopertorium de blodio cum capucio mulierum coronat'. Johanni Brompton chapman, filio pred. Tho., Simoni B. chapman, fil. pred. Tho., Isabellæ filiæ Tho. B. de Langetofte,—Johanni B. de Langetoft. Duabus filiis Johannis B. de Westheslerton, &c. Item lego cuidam vocato fonde Robyn si vivat per iiij. annos post decessum meum quolibet anno ij s. Item do et lego Priori et Conventui de Wartre ad celebrandum divina pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum et omnium benefactorum xl s. Item do et lego certas summas ad fabricam et ornacionem omnium ecclesiarum parochialium et capellarum, quarum nomina sunt scripta in quadam cedula huic testamento annexa. Executores Nicholaus Brompton filius meus, Willelmus Spenser, &c.

CODICILLUS. Item do et lego ad fabricam et ornacionem ecclesiæ parochialis de Etton vj s. viij d. Cheriburton iij s. iiij d. Bisshopburton v s. Walkyngton vj s. viij d. Rowley iij s. iiij d. Cotyngham x s. Hesill v s. Cap. de Swanland iij s. iiij d. Northferiby iij s. iiij d. Cap. de Meleton iij s. iiij d. Ellyngton v s.

Brantyngham iij s. iiij d. Ellerker v s. Southcave v s. Northcave iij s. iiij d. Cap. de Hotham iij s. iiij d. Santon iij s. iiij d. &c. &c.

LXXXVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS ALDWYK NUPER DE HULL DEFUNCTI.

In the name of God be it done. The xix day of November, yere of oure Lord M^{l}.cccc.xliiij. : I John Aldwyk, Alderman of Kyngeston upon Hull, hole in mynde, makes my testament and laste will in maner that folowes. Forst, I witt my saule to God Almyghty, oure Lady Saynt Marie and all ye hole company of heven; and my body to be beryd in the qwere of ye Trinite kirke in Hull. Also to the vicer of the same kirk for offeryng and forgetyn tendes x s. Also to the kirkwerk and for my beriall xl s. Also for my mortuary my best gown ford. Also I witt to ye Mayre, Aldermen and Burges of ye Kyngeston opon Hull all my tere3 and tenemente3 with in the said town, thai beryng a yerly charge to my son Jeffray, terme of his lyfe ; and also in almose for the saules of my fader, moder and me, and for those y^{t} I am halden to, be swilk composicion and avise as sall be made be twen ye said Maire, Aldermen and Burges of ther partie, and Hugh Cliderhowe of Hull in my name and for me, of ye tother partie. Also I witt my best coverd pece unto ye Mare of Hull, and it to be deliverd to whome that next sall be chosyn Mare after hym, and so fro Mare to Mare whils it may indore. Also I witt to Geffray my son be ye avyce of ye saide Hugh to be deliverid unto hym my best Prymer. And the residewe of all my gudes, my dettes firste paide, I putt to ye disposicion of ye sayde Hugh, for to be putt to wark of charitee be his gude avyse : whilk saide Hugh I orden and make myn executor to fulfill this my laste will. In wittnes herof I sett to my seall, beyng present and witnes of record, the Prior of ye Charterhowse be side Hull, Sir William Saunderson preste, Geffray my son, William Reils, Sir John Roper prest, Sir John Bryg preste, and Richerd Staviley preste, wyth many other. Writen day and yere aforesaide at ye Kyngeston apon Hull in presence aforesaide. [*Prob.* 26 *Nov.* 1444.]

LXXXVII. TESTAMENTUM AGNETIS SHIRBURN NUPER DE MITTON IN CRAVEN VIDUÆ DEFUNCTÆ.

In ye name of God, Amen. Ye iij. day of ye moneth of November, ye yere of our Lord M^{o}.cccc^{mo}.xliiij. I Agnes,* y^{e}

* The testatrix was a daughter of Sir William Stanley of Hooton, Knight, and the widow of Richard Sherburne, Esq. whose will has been already printed. There

whilke was wyfe of Richard of Shirburn sqwier, hale in mynde and seke in body, makes my testament in yis maner. Firste and formeste I beqwthe my saule to God Almyghty and to our Lady Sanct Mare and to Al Halos ; and my body to be berid in ye parich kirke of Mitton be for ye autor of Sanct Nicholas. And I gyffe and bewhete to ye honorments of ye high autor of ye said kirke of Mitton xl s. And to ye Freers of Preston xx d. And to ye Frers of Lancaster xx d. And to ye Frers of Weryngton xx d. And to ye Frers of Apulby xx d. And to Sanct Petre werk xij d. And a towel to ye said autor of Sanct Nicholas. And to dame Elizabeth Staneley, my sister, a pare of golde bedes ; and to my daughter dame Alice Tempest* a broche of golde. And to my sone Roberte a chene of gold with a crosse. And to my doghter Issabell a chene of gold w^t ij girdils, ye tone redde and tother sangvyn. And to my doghter Elizabeth a girdill of grene and ij. bedds and xxx. yerdds of lyn cloth shappyn in shetes. And to ye vicar of Mitton a pare of get bedds for to myn my saule and mynde me in his prayers ; and William of Bradley prest a nother pare of gete beds in ye same forme. And to William of Broghton, my preste, to syng for my saule a hale yere at my said autor of Sanct Nicholas vj marc. iij s. iiij d. ; and he sal fynde hymselfe bred and wyne and wax. And to my sone John my singnet ; and to my son Nicholas and James auther a gold rigne. And to my doghter Mabill a parr of coral bedds. And to my god doghter Agnes of Calverley a gold ryng. And to my son Sir John Tempest, knyght, a broche of golde. And to William of Bolton ij. key. And to my doghter Issabell my coufer with all my array except ij. furres, ye tane of martyns, ye tother of blake lambes, ye whilke I beqwet to my son John. And resideu of all my gode to be delte emang my childer noght gyffyn ne beqwette abofe. And John Tempest, knyght, Pers Gerard, sqwier, and John of Bruke I make my executors y^t yai have God in mynde to do execucion of yis present testament and fulfil it trewly in dede at ye sight of Thomas Staneley, knyght, and Thomas Haryngton, esqwier. [*Prob.* 30 *Nov.* 1444.]

is great doubt and confusion in the family genealogy about this period, but I imagine that these two wills will remove several difficulties. It has been affirmed by some that the testatrix was not a daughter of Sir William Stanley ; the present document however rather militates against this statement, and confirms the account in the visitation. It makes not only several additions to the received pedigrees of the family, but it is also a valuable specimen of the English of the period.

* The wife of Sir John Tempest of Bracewell. Sir John's will occurs hereafter.

LXXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ MARGARETÆ PUDSAY NUPER DE BEVERLACO DEFUNCTÆ.

Dec. 25, 1444. Ego Margareta domina Pudsay*—sep. in navi ecclesiæ sive capellæ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis Beverlaci in loco decenciori secundum disposicionem executorum meorum. Item lego quatuor libras ceræ circa corpus meum comburendas die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego summo altari ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai Beverlacensis vj s. viij d. Item lego cuilibet duodecim capellanorum exequiis meis interessencium die sepulturæ meæ, ij d. Item lego fabricæ dictæ ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ pro sepultura mea, x s. Item lego Aliciæ, filiæ meæ, unum dorsorium rubium pro aula, unum anulum aureum cum parte columpnæ Domini inpressa, unam parvam zonam argento ornatam et deauratam, et unam magnam archam rubiam. Item lego Willelmo Kneton capellano unam crateram argenteam et deauratam coopertam. Item lego Stephano Johnson, vicario de Skeflyng, unam crateram argenteam et deauratam majorem coopertam, unam archam rubiam, unum lectum plumalem et unum bolstir. Item lego Elenæ Gascoynge, servienti meæ, unam togam nigram de lyre furratam cum gray, omnia mea velamina, unum lectum nigrum cum tapeto et curteins et sellam meam mulier' cum freno et toto harnes eidem pertinente. Item lego Henrico Pudsay unam crateram argenteam albam. Item lego Roberto Pudsay unam zonam argenteam precii quatuor marcarum, unum lectum rubium et viridem cum tapeto operato cum papynjoys, unum par blankettes, unum par linthiaminum. Item lego Henrico Corbett, servienti meo, omnes equos meos et omnes equas cum uno lecto optimo non prælegato. Item lego Roberto, filio Willelmi Pudsay, unum lectum blodium cum canibus albis. Item lego Gyrskholm, servienti meo, unum lectum bonum per voluntatem dictæ Elenæ eidem deliberandum. Item lego Johannæ, filiæ dictæ Elenæ, unam vaccam nigram cum vitulo et unam parvam cistam. Item lego ecclesiæ de Bolton unam casulam de viridi damasco. Item lego capellæ de Bolton Hall unum vestimentum integrum de panno aureo cum uno

* Margaret, daughter of Sir Wm. Eure, by Maud, daughter of Henry Lord Fitzhugh, became the wife of Sir John Pudsey, of Bolton, Knight. She survived her husband, and seems to have retired to pass her widowhood at Beverley. Few families could boast of two such beautiful residences as Bolton and Barford. The first, although it is in the wild district of Craven, "standeth," as Dodsworth tells us, "very pleasantly, among sweet woods and fruitful hills." The second, a later acquisition, lies in a sheltered position above the Tees, and it is still preserved from the destroyer's hand. The ruins of a very picturesque chapel, crowning the hill which overhangs the mansion house, can be seen far into the Bishoprick. Barford was properly the dowager house of the family of Pudsey, but the testatrix seems to have preferred to pass the remainder of her days at Beverley, where she had some friends and kinsfolk.

calice argenteo et deaurato, et uno Missali veteri. Item lego Johannæ filiæ Isabellæ Mountnay unum tabernaculum de auro. Item lego Johanni Preston, capellano meo, unum lectum per visum dictæ Elenæ deliberandum. Item lego Aliciæ Medwod, famulæ meæ, unum lectum per visum dictæ Elenæ deliberandum. Item lego Christianæ, famulæ meæ, unum lectum per visum dictæ Elenæ deliberandum. Item lego Agneti uxori Willelmi Radclyff unam togam de murray furratam, unam togam russet furratam cum cuniculis, et unam zonam de nigro cerico argentatam et deauratam. Residuum executoribus meis ad disponendum pro anima mea, Johannis Pudsay militis quondam mariti mei, parentum, benefactorum nostrorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum in celebracione divinorum et elemosinis et aliis operibus caritativis prout Omnipotenti Deo placencius et animæ meæ salubrius viderint disponendum. Executores meos constituo Stephanum Johnson predictum, Johannem Sleford de Beverlaco tannatorem, et Willelmum Batirby servientem meum. Datum Beverlaci. [*Pr.* 7 *Jan.* 1444-5.]

LXXXIX. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI STRANGWAYS ARMIGERI NUPER DEFUNCTI.

Oct. 2, 1444. Ego Robertus Strangwais,* armiger—sep. in choro ecclesiæ Fratrum Predicatorum Ebor. juxta corpus Matildis quondam uxoris meæ. Item do et lego summo altari ecclesiæ de Stanedrope pro decimis meis oblitis xl s. Item do et lego fabricæ Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eboracensis xiij s. iiij d. Item do et lego quinque marcas sterlingorum ad distribuendum pauperibus per discrecionem executorum meorum infra quindenam post decessum meum. Item do et lego sexaginta marcas sterlingorum ad solvendum sacerdotibus per executores meos conducendis ad celebrandum pro anima mea et anima Matildis uxoris meæ et pro animabus omnium benefactorum meorum. Item do et lego sexaginta marcas sterlingorum distribuendas per disposicionem executorum meorum inter pauperes et in aliis pietatis operibus. Item do et lego Conventui Fratrum Predicatorum Ebor., ad pietanciam, decem marcas sterlingorum. Thomæ, filio meo primogenito, ducentas marcas sterlingorum ad sui status susten-

* We have here a member of the illustrious house of Strangeways, whose matches with Darcy, Neville, Scrope, and Conyers, gave them a close connection with the best blood and nobility of the North, the Prince Bishop of Durham, and the Royal Houses of Lancaster and Plantagenet. The precise relationship does not appear, but he was a near enough kinsman to reckon on the head of the house as his executor, and to secure his powerful interest.

tacionem et relevamen. Roberto,* filio meo, octoginta marcas. Radulpho, filio meo, octoginta marcas. Georgio, filio meo, octoginta marcas. Johanni, filio meo, duas tacias argenti, quarum una est coopertoria (*sic*) alterius et unum equum, precii quinque marcarum. Alienoræ, filiæ meæ, quadraginta marcas. Jacobo Strangwais† executori meo pro labore suo centum solidos. Fratri Thomæ Bynham ad orandum pro anima mea et animabus omnium benefactorum meorum centum solidos.—Executores meos facio Jacobum Strangwais, Thomam Strangwais filium meum primogenitum, Fratrem Thomam Bynham, Ricardum Burton, Robertum, Radulphum et Georgium filios meos. His testibus, Johanne Acclom armigero, etc. Datum apud Sutton super Derwent. [*Pr.* 26 *Feb.* 1444-5.]

XC. TESTAMENTUM AGNETIS DALTON RELICTÆ WILLELMI DALTON DE EBOR. DEFUNCTI.

Sep. 24, 1445. Ego Agnes, uxor nuper Willelmi Dalton,‡ nuper civis et marcatoris Ebor.—sep. in principali choro ecclesiæ meæ parochialis Sancti Martini in Conyngstrete. Agneti,§ uxori Johannis Bedford, de Kyngeston super Hull, unam peciam argenti coopertam cum tribus leonibus deauratis in fundo et cum scriptura in fundo **Drede Gode moste oure all thyng**; et Johanni Dalton, filio ejusdem Agnetis, unam bursam de albo cerico contextam, cum nominibus **Jhc** et **Maria** intextis. Et Johanni Hill, filio meo, optimam peciam meam argenti deauratam. Et Willelmo Wright de Eboraco, tailior, unam zonam argenti

* His will follows, in the year 1447.

† Sir James Strangeways married Elizabeth daughter and co-heir of Philip Lord Darcy and Meinill, who died under age 1418, and in right of her held the manor of Whorlton of the Archbishops of York, "by the tenure of serving the Archbishop with the cup in which he should drink on the day of his consecration." His son Richard married a co-heiress of William Neville Lord Fauconberg, and his son James, Anne daughter and heir of Robert Conyers of Ormesby. Sir James was Speaker of the House of Commons in the 1st of Edward IV. and Chief Justice of the County Palatine of Durham under Bishops Langley and Neville. He was a man of great talent and ability, and he laid the foundation of that greatness in wealth and position for which the house of Strangeways was especially distinguished.

‡ A respectable mercantile family in York, where they had been settled for some time. William Dalton, citizen of York, who was probably the father-in-law of the testatrix, died in 1400, and his wife Joan administers to his effects on the 21st of July in that year. I am inclined to think that the Daltons of Hull, a Visitation family, migrated from York, but I shall have occasion to refer to this subject hereafter. William Dalton, the husband of the testatrix, did not long survive her death. On the 5th of November, 1445, Mr. John Kirkby, Wm. Swayne, and Wm. Wright administer to his effects.

§ Her will, together with some interesting extracts from that of her husband, will be given hereafter.

stipatam super unum blew corse de serico. Johannes Kirkby,* frater meus. [*Pr.* 26 *Oct.* 1445.]

XCI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI EGIDII DAWBENY MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Tercio die Marcii, anno Domini Millesimo cccc^mo^ quadragesimo quarto. Ego Egidius Daubeney,† miles, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ ac Omnibus Sanctis, et corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancti Petri Apostoli apud South Petirton, ante altare Sanctæ Mariæ. Item I ordeyne a cope of blew velvet with chisiple and ij. toniclis and the aubis therto. Item I wil yer be a blakke sute of vestimentis gevyn, and all to serve atte ye aucter of our Lady. Item my best Messeboke with a chalis, a paxbrede of silver and overgilt, also ij. crewetts of silver, a corporas. Item to the said aucter I wol geve myn aucterclothe of reed tarteryn with ye corteyns. Item I ordeyne

* John Kirkby was own brother to the testatrix. He was a son of John Kirkby, citizen and litster of York, who died in 1428. His will is dated in that year, in which he leaves to his daughter Agnes 100 marks.

† The head of an illustrious Lincolnshire family, the history of which, as is unfortunately the case with many other houses in that neglected county, is almost entirely unknown. The testator Sir Giles Daubeny was a son of another Sir Giles, who died in the 12th of Richard II., and a grandson of Ralph Daubeny. He was in his minority when his father died, and as his son and heir he became the possessor of the large estates of his family, which were considerably extended by the accession of the fortune of his brother John Daubeny and by the wealth with which his wives were dowered. Sir Giles was thrice married. By Joan his first wife he had William his son and heir, who, at his father's death, in the 24th of Henry VI., was twenty-two years of age. Mary his second wife was the eldest of the three daughters and coheirs of Simon Leeke of Cotham, co. Notts, Esq. She brought, as her dower, the manors of Cotham and Houghton by Newark, which descended at her death to Joan her only daughter, who became the wife of Sir Robert Markham of Cotham, in right of his wife. Mary Leeke died on the 17th of February, 1442-3, and was buried in the church of Peverton, in Somerset. By his third wife, Alice, who survived him, Sir Giles had, I believe, three daughters—Amise, Isabell, and Alianor, who were heiresses to their mother. Sir Giles died at Barrington on the 11th of January, in the 24th of Henry VI., the same day on which the codicil to his will is dated. "The Inquisition after his death was taken at the Castle of Lincoln before John St. Paul, escheator, on the Friday next before the feast of St. Valentine, in the 24th of Henry VI. The jurors find that at his death he held the manor of South Ingleby, but the lands however were then of little worth, being at that time overflowed with the water which is called Tylle ; and that he had lands dependent on that manor in Saxilby and Brodholme, which he held by knight's service of the Lord Roos of Belvoir. They find also, that William Daubeny, who is of the age of twenty-two years and more, is the son and lawful heir to Sir Giles. The jurors also say that the said Sir Giles died seised of two bovates of land, as tenant per legem Angliæ, at Stupton in the said county, in right of inheritance of Mary, late his wife, and two bovates of land in Cleypole, both held of Robert Elys, Esq. in socage, pertaining to the manor of Cottam co. Notts, and that Joan, daughter of the said Giles and Mary, is next heir of the said Mary, and of the age of five years and more ; and that the said Sir Giles held no other lands or tenements in the said county."—J. H.

to the chirche of Baryngton my vestiments of blak velvet, wt an autirclothe of blak and grene. Item I wol, in as short tyme as goodly may be doo, be said for my soule Ml massis. Item I wil yt ther be delid x. marc at my terement amonge poremen. Item vij. gounis to vij. pore men. Item vij. beddis to vij. bedrede men, and every bedde a matras and a pair of blankettis, a pair of shetis, a coverlit. Item I wil yt the prisoners of Yevilchestre have a noble to parte amonge hem. Item I wil that ye Freris of Yeuilhestre have a quarter whete and a quarter malt. Item the Freris of Briggewatir a quarter whete and a quarter malt. Item to ye making of an hous for iiij. pouer men I wil ther be set x. marc. Item I wil ther be departid to iiij. pore clerks viij. marc, for to helpe hem to scole. Item I geve to the nonnys of Broodholme xx s. Item to ye nonnys of Shoppewelle vj s. viij d. Item to the Chartir hous in Selwood, wherynne I am a brother,* I geve xx s. Item to the Chanons of Stanerdale in Selwood, wherynne I am a brothir, vj s. viij d. Item to ye vicary of

* By letters, that is, of fraternity. This adoption, as it were, into the society of some monastic establishment, was especially sought after by pious and wealthy laymen. The letter of fraternity secured to the possessor "all the prayers, suffrages, and benefits" of the religious house during his life, and, upon his death, the letter was returned to the house with which he had connected himself, and he was entitled ever afterwards to the prayers of the brotherhood. These letters of fraternity were granted with no sparing hand. Some of my readers may perhaps be interested by the following letter, which was granted by the prior and convent of Durham to the Earl of Northumberland and his Countess in 1527. I give it in its original form, as a specimen of its class.

Litera fraternitatis concessa Comiti Northumbriæ et consorti suæ.

Illustrissimo ac potentissimo domino Henrico, Northumbriæ Comiti, necnon excellentissimi ac invictissimi principis domini nostri Henrici Octavi, Dei gracia Angliæ et Franciæ Regis, fidei defensoris, et domini Hiberniæ, Orientalis et Mediæ Marchiarum Angliæ versus Scotiam gardiano meritissimo, ac perhonorandæ meritoque preferendæ dominæ Mariæ consorti, conthorali suæ dignissimæ, vestri humiles et devoti oratores Hugo permissione Divina Prior Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Dunelmensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem et omnimodas reverentias debitas cum honore. Quamvis Divinæ charitatis lex generaliter omnibus Christi fidelibus nos obliget debitoresque efficiat, illis tamen maxime et fortius nos præ ceteris, constringit gratitudinis vicissitudinem rependere, quos constat ad nos nostrumque Monasterium Dunelmense majorem affectum benevolentiæ ac devotionis gerere. Hinc est, ut, ob singularem vestræ charitatis affectum, necnon synceræ mentis et devotionis fervorem, quem erga gloriosissimum confessorem Sanctum Cuthbertum, nosque, ac Monasterium nostrum Dunelmense, vos habere comperimus, ac beneficiis indies magis magisque experimus, omnium suffragiorum spiritualium, missarum, videlicet, vigiliarum, elimosinarum, jejuniorum, abstinenciarum, predicacionum, ceterorumque quorumcumque pietatis operum, quæ per nos et successores nostros tam in dicto nostro Monasterio Dunelmensi quam in locis singulis ab eadem dependentibus ex nunc perpetuis temporum revolucionibus operari dignabitur clemencia Salvatoris nostri Jhesu, plenam vobis in omnibus participacionem libere et integre concedimus, in vita etiam et in morte. At cum mors atrocissima tyrannidem telumque suum truculentissimum, quod nullum mortalium genus evadere posset, ejaculata fuerit, quo vos in Christo Jhesu hac mortali vita privaverit et de hoc nobis constiterit, eisdem spiritualibus beneficiis defunctos, Christo optimo maximoque opitulante, imperpetuum donabimus, quibus nostros ipsorum fratres impartiri solemus. In cujus.—Datum Dunelm. in domo nostra Capitulari die mensis Januarii anno Domini Millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo septimo. [*Reg.* v. 222 b.]

Pederton, to pray for me, xiij s. iiij d. Item to ye parissh prest of Barington, to pray for me, I wil he have vj s. viij d. Item I wil ther be a prest singing iij. yere in the forsaid chapel of our Lady for my soule and Johanne my wife, and for ye soule of William Daubeney, whoos bones restith in ye same chapel. Item I wil ther be a prest singing at Kempston be a yer for my fadr Giles soule, and my modris Margarete, and my graunt dame Alianore, and myn, and for Thomas myn uncle. Item I ordeyne to Alice my wif a ryng w^t a dyamaunde, a gilt cuppe w^t stonis in the knappe of ye covercle, my cuppe callid ye rose coveryd, a salt saler ypalest. Item an hanging bed of birdis with costris and curtayns of reed and white worstede. Item I wil she have a worsted hanging bed of blak bokeram, a fedirbed, iij. mattrassis, iij. peir of my best shetis w^t iij. coverletis and iij. quiltis. Item I wil she have iij. next the beste brasyn pottis, iij. pannys, ij. squar ledis, a litil chafre, a caudron of latyn, ij. spitis, ij. best sute of naprie, a dosen sponis, a pleyn basyn of silver w^t an ewer, a doseyn of newe pewtr vessell garnisshed, a peyr of fustians, ij. peir of blanketts, a peir of the best gardevians, ij. of my beste ambulers. Item I wil y^t she have half my corn being at Barington and alle my kene. Item a poudre box of silver. And I wil she have a potel pot and a quart pot of silver playn. Item I wil y^t William my sone have ij. salers gilt w^t vj. sponis gilt, a dosen ungilt, ij. standing cuppis of a sute gilt, ij. coveryd pecis callid rosis, a bed of aras w^t costres, cusshons, and an halle reed and grene, w^t a fedir bed, iij. the biggest mattrassis, iij. coverletis, j. peir of fustyans, iij. of my best brasyn pottis, a chafir to sethe fissh ynne, a greet panne, a litil panne, a brasyn morter, al myn old pewtre vessell being in Barington, a chafour, ij. ledis in ye newe bakhous, w^t alle brewing vessell. Item iij. pair of good shetis, my best sute of napry, an othr comune sute and al myn armour, and ij. of my best hors, and Goddis blessing and myn, w^t a condicion yat he lette not my last wille; and, yf he trouble myn executouris, then I wille yat al ye place ye which I have ordeynid to hym, be solde and doo for my soule. Item to Giles my son, I wol yat he have a dosen silver vessel garnisshed w^t iiij. chargeours, a peir of basyns of silver, ij. eweris of silver, ij. potel pottis of Paris werk, with vj. bollis of silver half gilt, an high saler of silver, a dosen sponis, a sute of naperie, an othr comon sute, iiij. peir of good shetis, iiij. peir of comon shetis, a sparver w^t coveryng of lynnyn clothe, a doublet of defense coverid w^t velvet, an haberon, a swerd, a pollax, a salatte, a pair of trussing cofris, an hanging chaundeler of latyn, my standard to trusse inne this y^t I have ordeyned to hym. And my wille is yat this standard w^t these things above writen yerynne be put into some sure

abbay, in keping, and ye keye in his moderis warde, that othr in his godfadris Sir William More, and so to abide in saaf garde til he come to ye age of xvj. yer. And if God do his wille of hym or he be of yat age, thenne I wil yese good aforesaid go to my next childe, if God send me any, and if noon be, I wil myn executouris sille al this to hym ordeynid, and to doo it for my soule. Item I wil y^t Johan my doghter have al my stuffe being at Cotam in ye keping of Jonet Boteler, the whiche is writen in an endenture, with al yat is in my fermours endenture. Item I wil yat Thomas my brother have a bedde of rede, grene, and white, w^t corteynis, costers, a matras, a peir of blanketts, a peir of shetis, a coverlite, a goune of myn furrid, w^t an hood, a doublet, a pleyn pece coveryd, a saler of silver, a masar, a poudre box. Item to John Roller I ordeyne a bed of reed and grene, a gowne, an hood, a doublet of defense. Item to Thomas Daubeneye I ordeyne a goune, an hood, a doublet of defense, a salat, an hors. Item to Giles Parker a goune, a doublet of defense, a salat, an hors, a sadil, alle my longe bowis, a bedde. Item to Hugh Parker I ordeyne my geobbis, my galon botels, all my voide pipes, a playn pece of silver coveryd. Item I ordeyne to William Clerk a doublet of defense, a salat, a sheef of arwys. Item to Watir Champeneys a woodknyf harneisid, a sheef of arwis, an arblast of stele. Item to William Semer a pot, a panne, my wayn jokis and ropis. Item to Sir Robert Clake my blak Masse Book, my litil Sauter coveryd w^t reed ledir, ij. chaundelers of laton for ye chapell. Item to John Peny a ringe of golde with a turkoys. Item to William Molayns a poudre box of maser gilt. Item to John Welweton a grete cofre yat shets lye inne, a peir of potel botels, a flat pece covered. Item to John Downam my litil carte and iiij. harneys therto. Item to Stephan a doublet of defense, a salat, a shefe arwis, a woodknif. Item to Richard Fouler an arblast at Kempston, and all my brewing vessell. Item to Sir William More a peir of bedis of coralle w^t a ringe. Item to every yoman in houshald not rewardid vj s. viij d. And to every grome iij s. iiij d. Item my wille ys y^t my wif be my chief executrice, Sir Roger Houswif, Sir William More, John Witcombe, John Rollet, John Peny, these to be myn executoris, and to every of hem c s. yat takith administracion. Item I wille yat alle my purchasid landis, yat is to say, in Southpetirton, Compton, and Berington, to go to ye issue of me on Alice my wif getyn, and if noon, I wil it goo to my doughtir Johan Markeham and to ye issue of hir body begete, and for defaute of issue of Johan to William my sone and heir, and to his heiris.

Al be it so that the said Sir Giles Daubeney, knight, maad this said testament, wrote it w^t his owen hand, and selid it w^t his

seal of armis, the iij^{de} day of Marche, the yer of our Lord M.cccc.xliiij. as it is abovewriten, in the which testament the residue of his goodis noght bequethid is not disposid, wherfor aftirward, y^{t} is to say ye xj. day of Januar', the yer of our Lord M.cccc.xlv. at Barington, to ye said Sir Giles ligging in his sekenesse, wherof he died sone aftir the same day, Sir Robert Wilby prest, his goostly fadir, saide, "Sir, ye have maad a testament and bequethid many things to diverse personis, making no mencion whoo sholde have ye residue of your goods y^{t} be noght bequetid; wol ye vouche saaf to say who shal have it." Forthw^{t} the said kniȝt, w^{t}out any taryyng, said, "My wif shal have it." This was his last wille. [*Prob.* 4 *March*, 1445-6.]

XCII. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI ROGERI ESTON RECTORIS RICHEMUND DECEDENTIS IN EBORACO.

July 20, 1446. Ego Rogerus Eston,* rector ecclesiæ parochialis de Richmond—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris Civitatis Ebor. in sepulcro parentum meorum in choro ejusdem ecclesiæ. Et lego pro sepultura mea vj s. viij d. Item do et lego x li. ceræ pro duobus ceriis comburendis circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego cuilibet capellano divina celebranti in eadem ecclesia ad orandum pro anima mea xij d. Item do et lego uni idoneo et devoto capellano ad orandum et celebrandum missas et alia divina officia pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum, ac pro cunctis fidelibus defunctis per unum annum integrum post mortem meam in eadem ecclesia Sancti Salvatoris ad summum altare, septem marcas. Item lego domino Thomæ Lodryngton, capellano gildæ Sanctæ Mariæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Richemond, ut ipse memoriam meam faciat in missis et oracionibus suis quamdiu sibi placuerit vj s. viiij d. vel unam togam, aliis vero capellanis ejusdem ecclesiæ et domino Ricardo Bennok, capellano, et Johanni Moriour, clerico parochiali, lego singulis eorundem xij d. Item do et lego quatuor ordinibus Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor. ad orandum pro anima mea xxvj s. viij d. equaliter dividendos. Item do et lego Fratribus de Richemond ad celebrandum unum trentale missarum pro anima mea et parochianis meis vivis et defunctis v s. Item do et lego ad fabricam ecclesiæ Sancti Petri Eboracensis vj s. viij d. Item do et lego feritro fabricato pro Corpore Christi in Eboraco iij s iiij d. Item do et lego singulis reclusis in Civitate Ebor. et suburbiis ejusdem et annocoritæ† in

* Roger Eston was presented to the rectory of Richmond, in Yorkshire, in 1443; and he had but a short tenure of his living. He had relatives in York; and he appears to have died there whilst he was on a visit to them.

† The Anchorage at Richmond was in the parish church. An interesting document has occurred to me, relating to it, of which I append a copy. It refers to a

parochia mea de Richemond xij d. Item lego singulis incarceratis in Civitate Eboracensi singulis denarios. Item lego quatuor domibus leprosorum iiij s. Item lego xx s. ad faciendum et celebrandum obitum meum in ecclesia mea parochiali Richmondiæ infra mensem post mortem meam.—Executores meos facio dominos Johannem Chaloner et Henricum Ferne capellanos. [*Prob.* 3 *Aug.* 1446.]

XCIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS ARNALL RECTORIS SANCTI SALVATORIS EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. vij. Jul. M.ccc.xlvj. Ego Johannes Arnall† clericus, rector eccles. par. S. Salvatoris in Ebor.—sepe-

dispute between the Convent of Easby and the Grey Friars of Richmond with the Burgesses of that town, as to the right of presentation to the Anchorage.

This indentur tripartited, made at Richmund the last day of Aprile, in the yere of our Lorde God M^i^.cccc.lxxxx^o^, bitwixt William Ellerton th'Abbot and Covent of Saynt Agath and William Billyngham Warden of ye Frers of Richmund and his brethir on that one partie, and William Ask, Richard Metkalf, John Wawton, and John Scaife, Bailiffe of ye Burgh of Richmund, w^t^ consent and will of ye xxiiij^ti^ Burges of ye greate inqueste, and al other Burges of ye seid Burgh on y^t^ other partie: Witnessith that where a greate travers was dependyng bitwix ye seide parties after the deth of Margaret Richmund, late Ancores of ye same towne, for such goods as was the same Ancores, and who shulde have title or right to thayme: It was agreed by the consent and assent of all the saide parties to abide the dome, ordinaunce, and awarde of Maister William Potman, residenciary of ye Cathedrall Chirch of Yorke, Sir Thomas Wortley knight, Baille and Steward of the Castell and Franchis of Richmundshire, and Richard Cholmeley, squyer of the king's counsall and Generall Receyvor of Richmund and other Lordshipes; who awardeth, ordeyned, and demyd that the seid goode shuld remayne w^t^ ye seid Warden and his Brether to be emploied to such use as thayme thought most expedient and necessary, after that hir detts and reparacon convenient of ye seid place wes made by ye sight of foure prests of ye seid towne of Richmund; for cause that the said Ancores tooke hir habbet of the said Frers. And moreover it is ordeiyned, demyd and awarded by ye seid Maister William Potman, Sir Thomas Wortley knight, and Richard Cholmeley squyer, that th'abbot and Covent of Saynt Agath shall have ye reale guydyng and disposicon of such goods as the Ancores, that now is called Alison Comeston, hath after hir decesse in forme as is above seid; and so to contynue for evermore betwix ye said Abbot and Warden as it happynes the seid Ancores to tak her habbet of religion w^t^out interrupc'on, disturbaunce, or vexacion of ye seid Baillif and Burges of Richmund, or eny othir thair successours. And ou'er that it is agrede, ordeyned, and awarded by ye seid Maister William Potman, Sir Thomas Wortley knight, and Richard Cholmeley squyer, that the Bailiffe and ye xxiiij^ti^ Burges of ye grete inqueste of Richmund shall have the nominacion and fre election of ye seid Ancores for euermore, fro tyme to tyme when it happyns to be void, as yei have had withouten tyme of mynde. And this finall agrement and concord for evermore to endure and to stand firme and stable as is above seid. In witness wherof to one parte of thies indentures, remanyng with the seid Bailiffe and Burges of Richmund in thaire tresour chiste, ye seid Abbot and Covent and the Warden and his brethir hath put y^r^ comon seales; and to the t'othir two parte of thies indenturs, remaynyng w^t^ ye seid Abbot and Warden, the seid Bailiffe and Burges hath put y^r^ comon saale. Thies witnes, Roger Ask, John Norton, William Burgh, Thomas Franke, John Caterike, and many other. Yevyn, day, yere, and place above seid.—*Appended to this document are the Seals of the Abbey of Eastby, and of the house of Grey Friars at Richmond.—W. H. D. L.*

† A name which has occurred frequently in the course of this volume. The

liend. juxta sepulcrum magistri Ricardi Arnall, avunculi mei, in eccles. Cath. Ebor.—Lego stallo meo ex parte boriali capellæ B. Mar. et Sanctorum Angelorum in eccles. Cath. Ebor., unum Psalterium cum communi nota, cum omnibus commemoracionibus, ibidem cathenandum sumptibus meis propriis. Roberto Knaton, canonico in eadem capella, j. parvum Psalterium, in secundo folio *brevi ira ejus*. Lego magistro Willelmo Clifton, clerico, unum librum vocatum Constituciones Octoni et Octoboni, quem habet præ manibus, et j. peciam planam argenti et coopertam. Willelmo Ireland seniori optimam meam peciam argenti et coopertam, stantem super leones, et xl s. Domino Willelmo Marschall seniori de Peseholme capellano j. peciam argenti et coopertam ad modum calicis, stantem super leones, cum scriptura super pedem ejusdem xvij. et xij. et xx s.

XCIV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI ROUTH DE EBOR. DEFUNCTI.

Aug. 4, 1445. Willelmus Routh de Eboraco, camsmyth—sep. coram altare Sanctæ Annæ in ecclesia Sanctæ Mariæ in Castelgate. Johanni Routh, filio meo, optimam zonam meam cum uno dagar ordinato cum argento, unum gladium cum pelta, unum salett de ferro, unum arcum cum sagittis meis omnibus et singulis. Johanni Routh, fratri meo, unam tunicam de geylskynnes. Johanni Ulron unum stethy de ferro, vocato byghorn, unum slek trough, et unum forehamer. [*Prob.* 13 *Aug.* 1446.]

XCV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI WILLELMI REVETOUR CAPELLANI.

Aug. ij. M.cccc.xlvj. Ego Willelmus Revetour* de Ebor.,

testator's uncle was an officer in the church of York, and several notices of him have been already given.

* A will of the deepest interest and value. The testator has not infrequently been mentioned in the wills of the citizens of York. He was a man evidently possessed of great taste and accomplishments, and his will is little more than a splendid inventory of the choicest and the rarest treasures. The miracle plays which he mentions are worthy of our especial consideration. The Towneley Mysteries, one of the earliest publications of the Surtees Society, give us a fair specimen of these literary curiosities ; and it is a somewhat singular circumstance that the plays which that interesting volume contains are supposed to have been acted as well as written in Yorkshire. The city of York was always celebrated for its miracle plays, and many of them were in Drake's time in existence among the municipal archives. It is much to be regretted that they are now lost. Drake in the Appendix to his Eboracum gives us a most curious and valuable account of the share which each craft was to take in the Corpus Christi play for 1415, prefaced by a commendatory letter in favour of that then popular pastime ; but the subject has been more amply illustrated in the Appendix to York Records

capellanus.—Lego fabricæ feretri Corporis Christi Ebor. j. goblett argenti.—Aliciæ Bolton, seniori, j. librum de Oracione Dominica et Stimulus Conscientiæ in Anglia.—Lego Aliciæ sorori meæ, uxori Johannis Haryngton, j. ouche auri cum quadam aquila in eodem, circumpositis certis lapidibus, et j. togam de vyolett furratam, et j. par precularum de jeet, cum quadam cruce in eadem pendente, cum gaudiis in modum turris deauratis. Willelmo Haryngton, filio dicti Johannis et Aliciæ, unum magnum Psalterium cum Communi Sanctorum in eodem, notato, et alium librum de Evangeliis et Legendam Sanctorum in Anglia tractatam.—Lego Deo Omnipotenti, Beatæque Virgini Mariæ, ac Sancto Willelmo et Sanctæ Barbaræ, ad deserviendum in capella S. Willelmi in festis eorundem, j. vestimentum album cum tunicellis ejusdem, pro diacono et subdiacono, et j. parvam Legendam. Lego cantariæ Ricardi Toller, in eadem capella fundatæ, j. vestimentum de rubio et viridi, cum bestiis auri in eodem, et in le orfray ejusdem **Ave Maria**; et j. Gradale. Conventui Fratrum Minorum in Ebor. parvum librum Bibliæ integræ cum interpretacione. Dompno Thomæ Swynton, monacho de Fontibus, librum Johannis Crisostomi super Matheum de opere imperfecto.—Lego fraternitati Corporis Christi in Eboraco quemdam librum vocatum Le Crede Play, cum libris et vexillis eidem pertinentibus. Et gildæ Sancti Christoferi quemdam librum de Sancto Jacobo Apostolo in sex paginis compilatum. Domino Johanni Fox, capellano, unum librum Jannenc' de Opere Quadragesimali, et j. Psalterium glosatum, et vj s. viij d. Domino Thomæ Thorp, capellano, unum librum de Prefacion' notatum cum Canone, et vj s. viij d. Thomæ Tutbagg quemdam librum tractatum de Biblia in Anglic' et vj s. viij d. Willelmo Russell, filio Johannis Russell nuper mercatoris Ebor., quemdam librum qui incipit *Compotus est Scientia*.—Katerinæ Tutbag quemdam crucifixum in alabastro. Lego zonariis Civitatis Ebor., ad ludum suum in festo Corporis Christi, unam coronam auricalcam deauratam, et j. zonam cum boses deauratis et enameld. Isabellæ filiæ Johannis Bolton, filiolæ meæ, unum Primarium largum cum ymaginibus intus scriptis ad modum Flandr'. Lego

of the Fifteenth Century, by Robert Davies, F.S.A., 1843, 8vo. The testator, who appears to have been much interested in these plays, has not only the manuscripts themselves, of which he was perhaps the author, but he had also in his keeping some of the banners and ornaments which accompanied them. The clergy no doubt thought that they were advancing their cause by popularizing as it were Christianity, and by bringing as visible and actual incidents before their spectators the principal occurrences in Scripture and tradition. In 1455 Robert Lasingby "clericus parochialis S. Dionisii Ebor." leaves to the fabric of his parish church for his burial "unam mappam de twill et ludum oreginale (*sic*) Sancti Dionisii." This play would be an important addition to the literature of the vestry, although the parishioners were in all probability well acquainted with its subject.

feretro S. Willelmi Ebor. j. annulum auri modo pontificalis, cum lapide viridi sive vitrio. Johanni Bolton quemdam magnum Rotulum tractatum de Biblia in Latin' cum ymaginibus ex una parte et de Tabula Oracionis Dominicæ in Latin' ex altera parte. [*Prob.* 3 *Sep. A°. supr.*]

XCVI. ROBERTUS HUNTER DE EBOR. SCOLARIS.

4 Sep. 1446. Ego Robertus Hunter* de Ebor., scolaris—sepel. in cimiterio ecclesiæ meæ S. Olavi. Lego ad quindecim missas pro anima mea in eccles. S. Nicholai apud Novum Castrum super Tinam v s. et ad quinque alias missas in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum ibidem xx d.—Thomæ filio Roberti Elleryngton omnes libros meos. Executores retribuant Katerinæ More de bonis meis pro suo assiduo labore tempore infirmitatis meæ.—Residuum Roberto Elleryngton et Elizabethæ uxori suæ, matri meæ. *Commission to Rolland Hardgill,*† *Vicar of Hautewesill.*

XCVII. TESTAMENTUM NOBILIS DOMINÆ MATILDIS NUPER COMITISSÆ CANTIBRIGIÆ.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In Festo Assumpcionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, anno Domini Millesimo cccc^{mo} xl^{mo} sexto. Ego Matill' de York,‡ comitissa Cantebrigiæ, compos mentis et sanæ me-

* A young scholar, who in all probability was an offshoot from the family of Hunter of Medomsley. It is to the same family that we are indebted for one of the most industrious of our many northern antiquaries, Christopher Hunter. He was a physician in Durham from the beginning to the middle of the eighteenth century, and he combined his taste for antiquities with an immoderate love of coffee. Several of his laborious volumes, which are in the possession of the Dean and Chapter of Durham, still bear the stains which were caused by the favourite beverage of their compiler. The testator appears to have been of the same family, and this is rendered more probable from his mother having married an Elrington, a family which lived in the immediate neighbourhood of Medomsley, and also from the fact that the commission for the administration of his goods is directed to Roland Hardgill, vicar of Haltwhistle in Northumberland.

† Roland Hardgill afterwards became Dean of the Collegiate Church of Lanchester in the Bishoprick of Durham.

‡ A will which throws some light upon national history as well as upon the annals of a princely house. The testatrix was the daughter of Thomas Lord Clifford, by Elizabeth, daughter of Thomas Lord Roos of Hamlake. She became the second wife of Richard Plantagenet, ordinarily known as Richard of Coningsbrough, Earl of Cambridge. He was grandson to Edward III. and his own grandchild sat upon the throne of England as Edward IV. His first wife became heiress in blood to Lionel Duke of Clarence, and hence arose the claim of the house of York to the throne of England. Soon after the accession of Henry V. the animosity which Richard of Coningsbrough had been cherishing against the house of Lancaster broke out into a conspiracy against the ruling power. This was discovered, and before the king

moriæ, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis, lego et commendo animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ et Omnibus

departed to France, Richard, with the Lord Scrope of Masham, and Sir Thomas Grey of Heton, his brother-conspirators, had died upon the scaffold. This left the testatrix a widow, and there is no direct evidence to show that she ever took to herself a second husband. She is said by Dodsworth to have married John Neville Lord Latimer. I have stated this in a note to that nobleman's will, which is dated in 1430; but it is a somewhat singular fact that in that document the name of the testatrix is never once mentioned. The omission is certainly a remarkable one. The testatrix had no children herself, and her affections seem to have been entirely alienated from the issue which her husband left by his former wife. She never mentions them in her will, and there is nothing to show that she ever had any intercourse with them. With the Cliffords, however, her own family, she maintained the closest intimacy. Her widowhood was principally spent at the Castle of Coningsbrough, which she seems to have held in dower. She had also a residence at Turnham Hall, in the vicinity of Selby, and another at Sandal Castle. At Coningsbrough she appears to have maintained queen-like splendour, and Mr. Hunter gives us a specimen of her charters, beginning with the royal "Nos." The castle where she held her court was indeed worthy of a royal tenant; but it was perhaps more suited for a Harold or an Athelstan than for a granddaughter of Edward III. Here she had her train of esquires and yeomen; yet, with all this grandeur, we cannot but think that she would willingly have resigned it all, and forgotten the past, for her maiden name and a quiet home in the halls of Skipton. The past was fraught with bitter recollections to her; she had worn her widow's weeds for a long time. More than thirty years had elapsed since the violent death of her first husband; and, if she ever had a second, he had been dead for more than fifteen years. In the fortunes of her stepchildren she had no lot nor part, and her very dislike to the Duke of York tended to make her more favourably disposed towards the monarch of the day, who was still the son of him who had murdered her lord. It is easy therefore to conceive how bitterly in her declining years she would feel her loneliness and desolation, and we may then imagine what her pleasure would be in calling around her the youthful scions of the house of Clifford, and in reverting to earlier scenes and bygone days, in a home of which she might say, as Penelope did of the mansion of her absent, and as she feared departed, Lord—

Τοῦ πότε μεμνήσεσθαι ὀΐομαι ἐνπέρ ὀνείρῳ.

The Countess did not long survive the making of her will. It is dated on the 15th of August, 1446, and the died on the 26th of the same month. She was buried in the monastery of Roche, to which she had been so munificent a benefactress. The tomb, however, which commemorated her is no longer to be found among the fair ruins of that once magnificent abbey. I append to my account of the testatrix two letters of hers to the Prior of Durham. They refer merely to a stall in the Collegiate Church of Hemingbrough, which was in the patronage of the Prior and Convent, but they are still interesting.

1. Worshipfull and my well-beloved fadre in God, I grete yow well, and forasmuch as I am enfourmed that there is a vicary voide w^t^in your College of Hemmyngburgh, and I have a preste which that I desire were there in, and I undertake he is a well governed man, and a gode quere man. Wherefore I pray yow w^t^ all myn hert that ye will graunte hym the seid vicary at the cause of my prayer, as I may do thing for yow that myght be to your plesire in case semblable a noyer time, and that ye will yife credence to my well-beloved servant Rawlyn Axe, the berer of this, what he sall disclose yow on my behalfe in this mater. Beseeching the Trinite have yow in his keping. Writen at my Castell of Connesburg, xxv. day of Januar. *Mª York. The Countesse of Cambrig. In dorso*, To the worshipfull and to my well-beloved fader in God ye Priour of Durham. [Loc. 25, n. 142.]

2. Worshipfull fadre in Godde, I grete yow welle, and I thonke yow herteley of all kyndenes that ye have done to me before this tyme, and in especiall that yow lyked ye last tyme that I wrote unto yow for a chapeleyn of myne, for a vicary of your Colage of Hemmyngburgh, to graunte me the next avoidance, as my servante, ye brynger of that lettre, reporteth me. Now late ther is one of the vicars there called Sir John

Sanctis ejus, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in Monasterio de Rupe, in capella Beatæ Mariæ coram ymagine ejusdem, situata in parte australi ecclesiæ predicti Monasterii. Item volo quod jaceat super sepulcrum meum unus lapis de alabastro ex alto levatus, modo tumbæ, cum una ymagine, modo quo volo dicere executoribus meis. Item lego cuilibet capellano existenti in exequiis meis xij d., et cuilibet clerico parochiali vj d. Item quod executores mei ordinent ceram ad comburendum circa corpus meum tempore exequiarum juxta discreciones suas. Item volo quod xiij.* pauperes in albis togis induantur, quorum quilibet portet unam tortam ceream majorem in honore Domini nostri Jhesu Christi et Beatæ Mariæ et Omnium Sanctorum ejus, et ut teneantur tempore exequiarum et tempore missæ meæ, et quilibet eorum habeat xij d. Item lego tribus capellanis honestæ conversacionis xlij. marcas, ut ipsi celebrent et orent pro anima mea, et pro anima domini mei, et pro animabus parentum meorum, et quod unus eorum scolas exerceat, si voluerit. Item volo quod in quolibet anno quilibet eorum dicat unum trentale Beati Gregorii, et cotidie dicent in missis hanc orationem *Deus qui es summa nostræ redempcionis*, cum eam comode dicere potuerit. Item lego Monasterio de Rupe unum vestimentum album, ita quod unus monachus ejusdem loci celebret pro anima mea per septimanam, et habeat in die unum denarium, et alius monachus in alia septimana, et sic singuli celebrent et orent in Monasterio predicto divisim pro anima mea per spacium septem annorum completorum. Item lego Abbati de Rupe vj s. viij d., et cuilibet monacho ibidem xx d., in die sepulturæ meæ. Item lego Abbati et Conventui ejusdem loci xl. marcas, sub condicione quod, si voluerint sufficienter obligari fundatori suo, quod illi semel in anno imperpetuum celebrabunt obitum meum pro salute animæ meæ, in exequiis et missa, cum duobus cereis comburentibus supra corpus meum, durante eodem tempore. Item volo quod meum vestimentum integrum rubii coloris operatum cum auro, cum uno calice et duobus phiolis, duobus candelabris optimis argenteis, et uno tintinabulo argenteo cum corpore meo remaneant, ad usum perpetuum dictæ ecclesiæ. Item lego viris religiosis de Monte Graciæ quinque marcas. Item lego ecclesiæ de Connesburgh unum vestimentum integrum de welwett, et meum vetus Portiforium de usu Ebo-

Hertte absent, and, as I suppose, will no more abide there. Wherfore I pray yow hertely that ye wold graunte me to my said chapeleyn, Sir William Lorymer, the berer of this lettre, the presentacion of the said vicarage, as my full trust is in yow, and as I may do thing for yow in tyme comynge that myght be to your plesire. That knoweth our Lorde, who have yow allwais in his save kepynge. Written at Turnham hall, xxiij day of Januer. *The Countesse of Cambrige.* [Loc. 25, n. 130.]

* May not this number be symbolical of our Lord and his twelve Apostles? It was a number which was frequently selected.

racensi. Item lego Fratribus utriusque ordinis de Doncaster vj s. viij d. Item lego Fratribus de Tikhill vj s. viij d. Item lego ecclesiæ Beati Petri Ebor. c s. Item lego quatuor ordinibus Fratrum Ebor. xxvj s. viij d. inter eos equaliter dividendos. Item lego Fratribus de Pontefracto vj s. viij d. Item lego Monialibus de Hampole xx s. Item lego Monialibus de Wallenwellys xx s. Item lego Thomæ domino de Clifford * et de Westmerland, consanguineo meo, unam auleam de aras, quam emi de Roberto Babthorp † milite. Item lego eidem domino et heredibus suis meum lectum blodium de aras cum tribus curtayns, unum trawas de tartren, quatuor quyssyns de cerico blodio, et duas longas quyssyns de panno, remanenda imperpetuum apud castrum de Skipton. Item lego Beatrici Watirton, consanguineæ meæ, unam crucem auream, quæ quondam fuerat matris meæ, et meum Primarium viride, et unum diamond, et meam optimam togam furruratam cum martes. Item lego Johanni Clifford,‡ filiolo meo, xij. discos argenti, et sex salsaria argenti signata cum le3 trayfulles et le conch. Item lego Matildæ Clifford,§ filiolo meo, optimam meam zonam de auro; et voluntas mea est quod predicta bona dictis Johanni et Matildi filiolis meis superius legata teneantur et custodiantur in manibus

* Thomas Lord Clifford, the nephew of the testatrix, was born on the Monday before the Assumption of the Virgin, in the 2nd of Henry V. He married Joan, daughter of Thomas Lord Dacre, by whom he had several children. Lord Clifford appears to have lived on terms of great intimacy with his aunt. His private accounts, which are preserved among the muniments at Skipton, tell us that in the year 1437, he and his family lived for some time in Coningsbrough Castle, and paid too for their board. Two successive Masters of Clifford (I translate the roll literally) were born there, and to the second of them, who was the survivor, the Countess herself stood godmother. Lord Clifford, although he was a wary and prudent man, was unable to remain neutral when that civil war arose which was so disastrous to Yorkshire and himself. Henry was probably made acquainted with the hatred with which Clifford and his aunt regarded the Duke of York, and a well-timed and munificent pension secured him their good wishes and co operation. Clifford therefore adopted the cause of the house of Lancaster, and fell at St. Alban's, 33 Henry VI. with his uncle, the powerful Earl of Northumberland. He was then in the 41st year of his age.

† Sir Robert Babthorpe of Babthorpe, Knight, one of the executors to King Henry V., died on the 22nd of August, 1486, and was buried in the Church of Hemingbrough. His first wife was Eleanor, daughter and heir of John de Waterton of Waterton in Lincolnshire, and after her death he remarried Bridget Pilkington, a daughter of the Lancashire family. Ralph Babthorpe his son and heir and his grandson, another Ralph, were slain at the disastrous battle of St. Alban's, in 1455, fighting for the house of Lancaster.

‡ John, afterwards Lord Clifford, the godson of the testatrix, was born at Coningsbrough Castle, in 1430. He is better known by the name of black-faced Clifford, from his many deeds of ferocious cruelty, as well as from his stern and uncompromising hostility to the house of York. He did not enjoy his title long, for he was slain near Ferrybridge, on the day before the sanguinary battle of Towton. His name has descended to us in no favourable light, and if we could now form any correct opinion of the part he took in the events of that troubled period, we probably should come to the conclusion that he disgraced the honour of his princely house by an inhuman thirst for blood, and by a spirit of revenge which have hardly ever been paralleled.

§ Matilda Clifford, the goddaughter of the testatrix, was probably a sister of the John Clifford who has just been mentioned.

executorum meorum, donec dictus Johannes sit ætatis xxj. annorum, et dicta Matildis sit ætatis xiiij. annorum; et si alter eorum decesserit infra ætates predictas, volo quod prius ei legatum disponatur pro anima mea. Item lego Katerinæ Fitzwiliam * unum parvum nigrum Primarium, unum jocale vocatum Agnus Dei coopertum cum argento circumtextum cum lapidibus de perylls, unum broche, quo utor cotidie, et meam optimam togam furruratam cum menyvere; et volo quod omnes aliæ meæ togæ, exceptis quæ furruratæ sint cum martes et funes, dentur inter alias meas feminas secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Item lego Aliciæ Bolton,† quæ fuit nuper uxor Johannis Bolton, civis et aldermanni Civitatis Ebor., xx l. ad maritagium unius filiarum suarum, secundum voluntatem dictæ Aliciæ. Item lego Thomæ Wentworth x l. Item lego Ricardo Farefax c s. Item lego Johanni Stafford quinque marcas. Item lego Rogero Wynstanley xl s. Item lego Radulpho Bothe quinque marcas. Item lego Joni York c s. Item lego Johanni Kechyn quinque marcas. Item lego Willelmo Richardson quinque marcas. Item lego Johanni Waller xl s., si non promotus fuerit ad aliquod officium. Item lego Willelmo Kynge xl s. Item lego Johanni Placeden quinque marcas. Item lego Agneti Amyas ‡ decem marcas, si ipsa exspectaverit in servicio meo et non maritatur. Item lego Jennyn quinque marcas, si non promotus fuerit ad aliquod corrodium vel per aliam viam. Item lego Michaell quinque marcas. Item lego Johanni Sharpe quinque nobil'. Item lego Willelmo Harwod xl s. Item lego Roberto Chaste xl s. Item Ricardo Todde quinque nobil'. Item Willelmo Wyott quinque nobil'. Item Thomæ Hoton xl s. Item Henrico fatuo xx s. Et volo quod si servientes mei hic in voluntate mea nominati de servicio meo recesserint, sive aliquis eorum recesserit, volo quod ipsi recedentes non habeat

* A gentlewoman in the service of the Countess, who became the second wife of Edmund Fitzwilliam of Wadworth, Esq. Her maiden name was Welles, and her arms, which were impaled by her husband in the church at Coningsbrough, were, Sable, three firebrands or. She died on the 11th March, 1477–8, and was buried, not under her husband's stately tomb in the church of Wadworth, but at Coningsbrough, near the home of her old mistress. Her will, dated on the 6th of March, in the year preceding her death, lies before me, but it must be given, as it deserves, at full length in its proper place.

† A daughter of Nicholas Blackburn, Lord Mayor of York. She had probably been one of the Countess's gentlewomen, and this legacy is therefore an affectionate remembrance of her services. Some notices of her family have been already given.

‡ No doubt one of the gentlewomen of the testatrix. She was probably a daughter of William Amyas of Sandal, where the Countess occasionally resided. In his will, dated on the day of St. Julian, 1434, he mentions his sons John and Robert, his wife Joan, and his daughters Elizabeth, Agnes, and Margaret. To Margaret his daughter, he leaves a pair of gold beads, and to the high altar of his parish church "unum gausipe." In 1469, John Amyas, the son of William, desires to be buried in the porch of St. Ellen at Sandal, and he leaves the residue of his goods to Catherine his wife.

nec habeant titulum acclamandum aliqua bona sibi legata. Item volo quod hospicium meum teneatur post decessum meum, cum omnibus servientibus meis volentibus permanere, per quarterium unius anni. Item lego Elizabethæ Garth * quinque marcas. Et si ego, ex oblivione aliquibus servientium meorum non remuneravi, seu modice illis remunerasse (*sic*), volo quod executores mei largius remunerent, juxta eorum discreciones. Item volo quod, si messuagium meum in Braythwell cum pertinentiis suis in vita mea non sit vendita, quod dictus Ricardus Farefax illud habeat, durante vita sua, ita quod bene et competenter reparabit in omnibus sibi pertinentiis. Et volo quod post decessum suum executores mei dictum messuagium cum pertinentiis suis disponant et ordinent pro anima mea. Et ad istam execucionem bene et fideliter faciendam ordino et constituo meos executores subscriptos, videlicet illustrem dominam et cognatam meam Alesiam† Comitissam Salisberiæ, et lego sibi unam crucem auream cum quatuor magnis perills et cum uno rubye in medio, et meum magnum Primarium optimum, et duos libros Gallicos vocatos Gyron le Curtasse, Willelmum Scargill,‡ et lego sibi c s., Edmundum Fitzwiliam,§ et lego sibi c s., et dominum Willelmum Staffeld, rectorem ecclesiæ de Hoton Robert, et lego sibi c s. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum volo quod dicti executores mei ordinent et disponant pro salute animæ meæ, prout ipsi viderint melius expedire, et sicut volunt respondere Omnipotenti Deo in die judicii. In cujus rei testimonium huic presenti testamento sigillum meum apposui. Datum in Monasterio de Rupe, die et loco predictis.

Codicillus predicti testamenti.—This is ye will of me Maude, Countesse of Cambrige, made in ye utas‖ of ye Assumpcion of

* The Garths were retainers of the Cliffords at Skipton. On the 10th of July, 17 Henry VI. William del Garth, Esq. of Skipton, executes a deed of gift of all his effects to Thomas del Garth his grandson, Joan his wife, and Richard del Rane, rector of Marton in Craven. Thomas Garth became keeper of the King's woods, at Bolton Canons, a patent office which he transmitted to his descendants.

† Alesia, daughter and heiress of Thomas Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, and wife of Richard Neville Earl of Warwick, the father of the Kingmaker. Lord Warwick's will occurs hereafter. As the testatrix mentions her as her cousin, the relationship might possibly originate through Lord Latimer.

‡ Can thisbe William Scargill, Esq. of Whitkirk, sen. who died in 1459? On the 12th of May in that year Robert Neville, Esq. and Robert Hall of Selby, administer to his effects. He seems to have been a retainer of the Countess. Other members of his family have occurred to me as located in the Deanery of Doncaster.

§ Edward Fitzwilliam of Wadworth, Esq. a descendant of the house of Spotbrough. He was in the service of the testatrix, and he married, to his second wife, one of the gentlewomen of her train. He and his wife were benefactors to the church of Coningsboro'. He died on the 24th of December, 1465, and was buried under a splendid altar-tomb, which is still remaining in the church of Wadworth. Sir Richard Fitzwilliam of Aldwark, who married the wealthy heiress of Clarel, was his son.

‖ *i. e.* the Octaves.

our Lady, after ye makyng of my testament in ye said Fest, at ye Abbey of Roche. First, I will yat dame Jahan my nece, ye lady Clifford, have my colar of gold. Also I will yat dame Beatrice Waterton, my nece, have x l., to be paid to her in ye yere next folowyng after my decesse, yerly xl s. Also I will yat Agnes Amyas have a pare of bedes of corall with gaudes of gete. Also I will yat Thomas off Wentworth* be one off myne executors both of my testament and of yis my will, so yat he and ye oyer thre, named executors in ye said testament, opon ye takyng of mynistracion of my will be sworn in ye fourme of lawe, befor ye ordinarie at ye provyng of my testament, yat yei schall no gode occupye ner dispose but after my will and myne intent, ne yat none of thame schall make relesse or acquitance unto any maner of persone be ye whilk relesse or acquitance my will mowe be letted or hurt. And also my full will is yat ilk one of my four said executors named in yis will be in like wise in fourm of lawe sworn yat he schall no thing do singulerly be hymselfe, ne wt outen yassent of ye mor party of all myne executours, yat schall be lettyng, grefe or prejudice unto ye remanent of myne executors in execucion of my will, and yies oyes to be dewely and trewely done and made after fourm of lawe I require and charg the conscience of ye said ordinary befor whome my testament schall be proved as he will answer befor God. And also I will yat Master Robert Tatman, Frer Prechour, have v marc. Also I will yat Hugh Cotes have v marc. [*Pr.* 4 *Sep.* 1446.]

XCVIII. TESTAMENTUM GUIDONIS FAYREFAX NUPER DE WALTON ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Quinto die mensis Octobris, anno Domini Millesimo cccc quadragesimo sexto, Reverendus et discretus vir Guydo Fayrfax† de Walton, armiger, compos mentis

* Probably Thomas Wentworth, Esq. a younger son of the house of Wentworth, of North Elmsal. He lived at Doncaster, and by his will dated there on the 19th March, 1449-50, he desires to be buried in the chancel of St. Lawrence, within the church of St. George at Doncaster. After the death of Catherine his wife, whom he appoints his executrix, he leaves his best gown of scarlet, his gold chain, his best zone and baslard, to be sold to make or finish a certain new work in the chancel of St. Lawrence, according to a plan and intention by him in his lifetime made and known. To Agnes wife of Robert Constable of Flambro' he bequeathes "unum librum vocatum Lucidary scriptum in lingua Francisca." (This will was proved by an officer of the Court at Doncaster, 29 April, 1450, whilst he was on his way to the Synod at Southwell.) The testatrix was intimately connected with the Wentworths, and was a trustee for their lands. Richard Wentworth of Everton, to whom she conveyed a moiety of the manor of West Bretton, was a brother of Thomas.

† A will short and concise as the emergency required. The testator was a younger son of an illustrious house—a house that for learning and valour had no peer among

et clarus memoriæ suæ, licet egritudine sui corporis graviter detinebatur, ac sperans, ut asseruit, mortis periculum sibi penitus imminere, idcirco suum testamentum sive ultimam voluntatem nuncupativam condidit in hæc verba. In primis legavit animam —legavit omnia bona sua Agneti uxori suæ et liberis suis— audientibus Johanne Fayrefax et Rogero Clark servientibus dicti Guydonis. [*Prob. xxij Octob. seq.*]

XCIX. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI DE HOTON DE NEWTON SUPER DERWENT.

March 15, 1446-7. Robertus de Hoton* de Newton super Derwent, armiger. Sepel. in insula ecclesiæ meæ parochialis de Wilberfosse, de novo edificata. Lego ad empcionem quatuor torch' circa corpus meum comburend' ad exequias et missas meas xvj s., quarum volo quod duæ remaneant in ecclesia mea parochiali, et duæ ecclesiæ de Seton, videlicet in eisdem ecclesiis tempore elevacionis corporis Christi ardend'. Et lego pro uno vestimento pro vestimento ejusdem, et ecclesiæ parochiali de Middelham in Richemondshire, xx s. Et lego pro uno vestimento emendo et capellæ de Neuton dando, xiij s. iiij d. Et lego uni ecclesiarum de Herdeby, Plomgarth, Barkeston, et Redurell, maxime indigenti, j. librum Portiphorium notatum de usu Sar. Et lego Roberto filio Rogeri Pudesay, filiolo meo de sacro fonte levato, unam vaccam, unum pullanum feminam biennalem, et iij s. iiij d. Et lego ad empcionem unius capæ ecclesiæ de Seton xiij s. iiij d. Et lego ad empcionem unius vestimenti ecclesiæ de Sutton juxta Newton xiij s. iiij d. Et lego Katerinæ Welles, uxori Edmundi Fitzwilliam, unum par precum longevarum de gegate gaudettum cum curallo. Et lego Johanni Hemelsey baslardum meum hernesiatum cum argento, unum pullanum triennalem, vel quatuor annorum masculini generis—Johanna uxor mea.

C. TESTAMENTUM MARGARETÆ HANSFORD DE HULL.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Quinto die mensis Maii anno ejusdem Millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo septimo. Ego Mar-

the noble families of Yorkshire. I have reason to believe that he was a lawyer, and it was to him probably that his nephew, Sir Guy Fairfax, who became a justice of the King's Bench, was indebted for his name and learning. Yorkshire may indeed be proud of the many and great lawyers that she produced during the 15th century—men who advanced the boundaries of the English law and were not afraid of vindicating its dignity.

* A Yorkshire family, with the history of which I am unacquainted. Joan, the widow of the testator, did not long survive him. By her will, dated on the 3rd of April, 1447, she desires to be buried in the city of York, in the church of St. Mary Bishophill senior. To the fabric of the Cathedral church she leaves a pair of beads of coral. To Emmot Cavell of Wilberfosse, a black horse ambling. To the hospital of the Holy Trinity in Beverley a pair of beads of gold.

gareta Hansforde de Kingeston super Hull — sepeliendum in capella S. Trin. in Kyngeston juxta maritum meum. Do et lego fabricæ capellæ B. Mar. unum par precularum aureum cum uno monili aureo. Lego Johannæ uxori Johannis Barnebow, unum par precularum argenteum cum quodam annulo aureo imagine Sanctæ Trinitatis depicto cum una mappa optima et manutergio ac alium annulum aureum quem eidem propriis manibus meis dedi, unam viridem togam penulatam cum menyver. Lego Johanni Barnebow, juniori, unum coopertorium lecti cum tapeto intexto cum leone et sex novis quyschyns et unam peciam argenteam coopertam vocatam bellyd pece — ac unum novum struvium cum signeto aureo quondam mariti mei — et unam peciam argenteam vocatam le schewir.

CI. TESTAMENTUM EDMUNDI POLE DE EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo quinto, octavo die mensis Augusti, Ego Edmundus de la Pole* de Eboraco, armiger.—Inprimis commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti gloriosæque Virgini Mariæ matri Domini nostri Jhesu Christi, Sanctæ Annæ, Sancto Antonio, Sancto Martino, Sancto Ricardo Scrope, et Omnibus Sanctis Dei, ad impetrandum graciam et misericordiam a Deo pro salvacione animæ meæ, corpusque meum terræ, ut cadaver, ubicunque Deo placuerit; sed si poterit esse in ecclesia Sancti Martini in Conyngstrete in Eboraco, ibidem sub petra marmorea ubi sepultus fuit Johannes Brathewayt. Item volo ut inveniatur unus capellanus idoneus ad celebrandum in eadem ecclesia per duos annos integros ad orandum pro animabus Johannis Brathwat et Marionæ uxoris ejus, et pro anima mea et pro anima Aliciæ †

* A gentleman of honourable descent and a member of an ancient house. He was, I believe, the youngest son of Sir John de la Pole of Newborough, Knight, by Cecily, sister and heir of Sir William de Wakebridge. His elder brother, Peter de la Pole, of Radborne, Esq. married Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John Lawton, by Alianore, sister and sole heir of the celebrated Sir John Chandos, K.G. From him descended the family of de la Pole of Hartington, co. Notts. Some account of this family may be found in the Topographer and Genealogist, II. 176. Another Edmund Pole, of the parish of Cramham, by his will, dated on the 31st of January, 1445–6, which was proved at York on the 1st of January following, desires to be buried in the monastery of Kirkham. He mentions his son Thomas. To his wife he leaves all his jewels. To John Pole, living with Sir Edmund Hastings, Knight, "siccam argentatam ye pomell and hylts de perro." He mentions Robert Willoughby, his former servant, and his son Edmund Willoughby his godson.

† Alice de la Pole, the widow of the testator, makes her will at York, Jan. 10, 1451–2. In it she directs her body to be buried in the choir of St. Thomas of Canterbury, in her parish church of St. Martin in Conyngstrete, York, near the bodies of her parents and of Edmund her husband. For her mortuary she leaves her best gown and hood taken by tally. To Thomas de la Pole her son she bequeaths a cup of

uxoris meæ, accipiendo quolibet anno pro salario suo centum solidos argenti. Item ad solvendum pro debitis Johannis Roghton, filii Aliciæ uxoris meæ, ne forte non ministravi sufficienter bona sua ubi majus necesse fuerit, xl s. Item ad distribuendum pro animabus Johannis de la Pole militis, patris mei, et dominæ Ceciliæ, matris meæ, et Radulphi,* fratris mei, quinque marcas. Item Aliciæ uxori meæ, et Thomæ † filio nostro, meam partem de vasis argenteis. Item Agneti Stirtivaunt servienti meæ vj s. viij d. Item Margaretæ et Johannæ Smyth, filiæ meæ (*sic*), cuilibet iij s. iiij d. Item ad emendum quatuor torcheas ad comburendum circa corpus meum in prima die obitus mei apud Dirige, et postea ad Missam, et postea secundo die in eadem forma, quarum volo ut tres remaneant summo altari et quarta altari ubi sepultus fuero, ad comburendum circa corpus Domini. Ad distribuendum pro anima mea die sepulturæ meæ et die octavo sequenti, ordinandum pro pauperibus in pane et cervisia et carnibus, quolibet die, xl s. Item ad emendum duos cerges, ponderis quilibet v lb., ad ardendum circa corpus meum. Item volo quod tres optimæ togæ post mortuarium meum vendantur ad perimplendum omnia antedicta, et omnes baslardi mei cum zonis eadem forma. Residuum—Aliciæ uxori meæ et Thomæ filio nostro.—Lego magistro Garnethorp iij s. iiij d [*Prob. xv. Mar.* 1447-8.]

CII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI STRANGWYS DECEDENTIS INFRA CIVITATEM EBOR.

In Dei nomine.—Decimo die mensis Marcii, anno Domini Millesimo cccc. quadragesimo septimo, Ego Robertus Strangways,‡ armiger, compos mentis—corpus meum sepeliendum in summo choro ecclesiæ Conventualis Fratrum Predicatorum § Eboraci. Pro

silver and gilt, standing and covered. To Agnes Stirtaunt her maid she gives two coverlets, one pair of blankets, and 20s. in silver, to be paid to her in household utensils. To Joan her maid 6s. 8d. in utensils. The residue she gives to have masses celebrated for the good of her soul. To Brian Metcalfe she bequeaths a long chest bound with iron. [*Pr.* 15 *March*, 1451-2.]

* Ralph de la Pole, Esq. Sir John's second son, was the ancestor of the de la Poles of Wakebridge, Syerston, Spinkhill, and Parkhall.

† The will of Thomas Pole of York, tapeter, was proved 24 Nov. 1457, and administration was granted to Alice his widow.

‡ The testator, Robert Strangeways the younger, was a son of Robert Strangeways, Esq. whose will has just been printed. Both father and son appear to have held some position in the Palatinate of Durham, for which they were indebted to the kind offices of the Prince Bishop, who was their kinsman. The testator was Master Forester under Cardinal Langley, and on the accession of Robert Neville to the see he became Chamberlain to the Bishop with a stipend of 20 marks a year. This office he held till his death.

§ The establishment of the Friars Preachers was in Micklegate in York. There are no remains of it now in existence. The family of Strangeways evidently had some

mortuario meo optimam togam meam pro corpore meo talliatam.—Reverendissimo in Christi patri et domino, domino Roberto Dunelmensi Episcopo,* domino meo, optimum meum equum et unam peciam argenti coopertam in cista mea apud Houeden existentem. Thomæ † Strangways fratri meo omnia catalla mea viva ad persolvendum inde et acquietandum debita Roberti Strangways patris mei quæ non sunt modo soluta, exceptis equis inferius legatis. Eidem Thomæ fratri meo optimam togam meam preter mortuarium meum, optimum meum dobletum de velvet fegory et unum jak. Henrico Strangways ‡ cognato meo dobletum meum de nigro velvet fegory. Georgio Strangways § fratri meo dobletum meum de fustyan cum colario et manicis de blodio vellvet fegory et duo dobleta, videlicet unum de albo damask et aliud de nigro damask. Prefatis Georgio et Henrico Strangways omnes togas meas superius non legatas. Henrico Strangways unum novum dobletum de fustyan. Isabellæ Claxton v. marcas ad maritagium suum. Hugoni Vicars famulo meo unum equum gresum ambulantem existentem in parco de Aukeland. Johanni Grene famulo meo unum equum dosin' in eodem parco. Octodecim ulnas panni viridis ad equaliter dividendos inter predictum Hugonem Vicars, Ricardum et Willelmum servientes meos. Lego Ricardo Clowbek unum bay geldyng apud Stokton existentem. Christofero Boynton ‖ totum illud debitum quod michi debet ea condicione quod ipse inveniat michi unum capellanum idoneum et honestum ad celebrandum pro anima mea et pro animabus pa-

connection with this house, as in the year 1500 we find Joan widow of Sir Richard Strangeways making her will whilst she was residing in that monastery. She directs her body to be buried "in the qwer of ye same Freires under the lettron wher as the rede theyr legand, and if it happen me to decesse within x myles of York yet I wyll y^t my body be broght to ye said Freires."

* Robert Neville, a son of Ralph Earl of Westmerland, by Joan Beaufort, daughter of John of Gaunt, was translated to the see of Durham from that of Salisbury upon the death of Cardinal Langley in 1437. He died in 1457, in the 20th year of his pontificate, and was buried in the chapel belonging to his family in the southern aisle of the Cathedral of Durham. A marble stone still marks his grave, but the rich brass which once adorned it is no longer there. The Bishop's will, dated on the 8th of July, 1457, is printed in the Appendix to the Three Historians, CCLV. but it does not appear that it was ever proved.

† In 1446 Thomas Strangeways and Robert his brother (the testator) had a lease of the manor of Ketton under the Prior and Convent of Durham. A family of the same name lingered in the neighbourhood until the 17th century.

‡ Henry Strangeways, Esq. a son probably of Sir James Strangeways, and, I believe, first cousin to the testator, was one of Bishop Neville's executors in 1457.

§ On the 20th of January, 1452-3, the Archbishop of York issues a license to the rector of Middleham, empowering him to marry George Strangeways, Esq. and Roberta daughter of John Melton of Holderness. The George Strangeways who was warden of Darcy's chantry at Whorlton was in all probability his first cousin.

‖ Christopher Boynton of Sedbury was the junior justice for the Palatinate of Durham during the episcopate of Bishop Neville. He was connected in many ways with the testator's family, and his wife was Jane daughter of James Strangeways of Skelton.

rentum meorum penes discrecionem et consciencia suam. Lego eidem Christofero omnia terras et tenementa quæ teneo in villa de Novo Castro super Tynam in Com. Northumbriæ durante minore ætate Johannæ Dolfanby *—ad plenam ætatem ejusdem Johannæ.—Residuum Thomæ Strangways fratri meo. [*Prob.* 2 *May*, 1448.]

CIII. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI JOHNSON LABORER.

In Dei nomine — xxiv. Sep. M.cccc.xlviij. Ego Ricardus Johnson, laborer, Ebor.—sepeliend. in ecclesia S. Elenæ vel cimiterio ejusdem. Do optimum meum indumentum, quod habeo, nomine mortuarii mei. Lego ij. libras ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ. Vicario meo parochiali iij s. iiij d. Ad opus fabricæ ecclesiæ meæ xx s. Eidem ecclesiæ vj s. viij d., pro ij. torchis emendis ad ministrandum coram sacramento. Lego domui Fratrum Augustinensium xl s. Lego xx. fratribus ejusdem domus pro missis celebrandis pro anima mea, cuilibet ij d. Domui Fratrum Carmelit. v s. Domui Fratrum Minorum iij s. iiij d. Domui Fratrum super les Tofts iij s. iiij d. Filiis et filiabus fratris mei quatuor marcas inter se dividendas. Lego fratri Willelmo Egremond, Augustin. vj s. viij d. Thomæ Cuke vij s. vj d. Fratri Roberto Medelay iiij s. ix d. Willelmo Baker v s. Thomæ Cuke, nepoti meo, j. coopertorium j. mattresse cum j. par linthiaminum de hardyn. Residuum Thomæ Cuke. [*Prob.* 26 *Sep.* 1448.]

CIV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI SIBTHORP DE SIBTHORP ARMIGERI IN ARCHIDIACONATU NOTT.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo die mensis Septembris, A.D. Mill.cccc.xlvij., Ego Willelmus Sybthorp† de Sybthorp, armiger —sepeliend. in capella B. Annæ in ecclesia B. Petri de Sybthorp. Optimum animal meum nomine principalis mei. Item lego quinque libras ceræ comburendæ circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ. Cuilibet presbitero qui interfuerit exequiis meis, iiij d. Cuilibet clerico existenti ibidem ij d. Fabricæ ecclesiæ B. Petri

* "Little Joan," the only child and heir of Robert Dolphanby of Gateshead, was of the age of one year and nine months at the time of the inquisition upon her father's death on the 27th of July, in the second year of Bishop Neville's episcopate, and she became the ward of Robert Strangeways the younger, Esq. She was of full age on Dec. 17, 1457. She was afterwards, I believe, the wife of Conan Barton of Whenby, Esq.

† A very ancient and most respectable Nottinghamshire house. The will which the testator makes is exceedingly short and simple. The families of Bingham and Layborn were intimately connected with Sibthorp and its lords.

de Sybthorp xx s. Johanni Barlay unum quarterium ordii. Henrico Cosyn et Agneti uxori suæ unum busshell ordii et unum stryke frumenti. Aliciæ Dower dim. quart. ordii. Jacobo, servienti meo, dim. quart. ordii. Roberto Hillerton unam juvencam, Johanni Layborn unam juvencam, Johannæ Smyth unam juvencam.—Residuum lego Ricardo Bingham, justiciario, Johanni Horbery, capellano, et Willelmo Layborn, quos constituo executores meos. [*Prob.* 10 *Oct.* 1448.]

CV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI HUGONIS WILUGHBY MILITIS NUPER DE WOLLATON ARCHIDIACONATUS NOTT.

In Dei nomine, Amen. The fiftene day of Septembre, the date of our Lord M.cccc.xliij., I Hugh Willughby, knyght,* in good mynde beyng, seyng and felyng the frailures of mankynde, make and ordeyn my testament in thys maner of wyse. First, I bequethe my soul to God Almighty, and to hys moder our Ladie Seint Marie, and till all the holy company of heven, and my bodye to be beried in the kirke of Willughby before the autre of the chauntry of oure Ladie. Also I bequethe for my principall that is most approvate to lawe. Also I bequethe to the expense aboute the bereyng of my bodie c s. Also I bequethe and will that my dettys be payyd before alle oder thyngis. Also I bequethe and will that what somever that I have taken of ony man withouten rightwes title, or have done eny harme be rancour of hert or malice a geyns god conciens and reson, I will, and it may be proved before ij. iij. or iiij. of myn executoures and overseers, I will that they make restitucion to them and a competent amendes with in a short tyme. Also I bequethe to the high awter of the parysch kirke of Woleaton ij. chaundelers of laton. Also xx s. to the repairyng of the ornamentes of the foreseid

* Sir Hugh Willoughby of Wollaton, the head of a celebrated Nottinghamshire family which has produced several distinguished men. He was twice married, first to Isabel, daughter of . . . Foljambe, by whom, among other children, he left Richard his son and heir, who made his will in 1469. His second wife was Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Sir Baldwin Freville, by whom he had several children. This will makes several additions to the family pedigree, and is in many respects an interesting and valuable document. We may safely say that it is the composition of the testator himself, and it does him the greatest credit. Few houses in England could show a more splendid array of family plate than that of Willoughby, and few, if any, of the English gentry could at that time draw up such a description as that for which we have to thank the testator. The will is followed by a long uninteresting codicil, which contains the settlement of the testator's estate. The executors were released, according to a memorandum in the Register, without exhibiting any inventory. The will of the testator's mother, Isabella, daughter of Sir Hugh Annesley, has been printed in the first volume of the Testamenta Eboracensia. It is dated in 1415.

autre. Also I bequeth to the autre of ye chauntre of Wilughby in repairyng of the ornamentis xl s. Also I bequethe the Priour and the Convent of Beauvall xx s., with my letter of fraternite. Also I bequeth to the Priour and Convent of Witham xx s. with my letter of fraternite. Also I bequeth to the Priour and Convent of the Chartre hous of London xx s. Also I bequeth to the Frere Caroms (*sic*) of Notingham xiij s. iiij d. Also I bequeth to the Frere Minors of the same towne xiij s. iiij d. Also I bequethe to the Frere Augustines of Leycestre, for the soule of my fadre Edmund of Wilughby, xx s. Also I bequethe to the briggis of Notingham, that is to say of Brokestowe, Wapuntach, and Russeclyf, xx s. Also I bequethe to the Ancores of Notingham vj s. viij d. Also I bequethe to Molde Wilughby my doughtir, till her mariage, besyde a some of mony that is comprehended in my will, that I will that my feffes shall fulfill to the behove of ther (her) mariage, first xij spones of silver of ij. swortes, somtyme Elizabethe Leke, also a saltsaler of silver covered, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a maser with a bande of gulde, somtyme Jane Bassett, also a gilt pece pounced, som tyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a pece of silver covered with scripture about, somtyme William Burton, also iij. chales peces of silver of one swort, som tyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a chalespece of silver syngle, somtyme Edmund Pierpoint knyght, also a potelpot of silver, somtyme Thomas Gretton, also a quarte potte of silver, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also ij. chargers of silver, bought be Calton, also xij. dysshys of silver with the touche of Parys, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also vj. saucers of silver with armes, bought of Witham. Also I bequethe to John Wilughby my son, if it so be that he be noght promoted to no benefice of holy chirche or I die, til hys mariage, beside a some of mony that is comprehendid in my wille, that I wyll that my feffes shall fulfill to the behove of his mariage, first, xij. spones of silver marked with armyn, somtyme Ladie Basset,† also a pece of silver covered, of the bell shappe, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a basen of silver with a spoute, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a ewer of silver for the seid bason, sometyme the said Thomas, also ij. chargers of silver, somtyme Thomas Savage, also xij. good disshes of silver, somtyme Philipp Repyngton, also xij. saucers of silver. Also I bequethe to Alis Wilughby, my doghter, till her mariage, besyde a some of mony that is comprehendid in my will, that I will that my feffes fulfill to the behove of her mariage, first, xij. spones of

* Joan, sister of John Duke of Britany, and wife to Ralph Lord Basset of Drayton. She was godmother to Joan Willoughby, the testator's sister. A canton ermine was part of the bearing of the Duke of Richmond her father.

silver marked with ℞ and ℘,* also a square salar of silver single, somtyme Phelipp Repyngdon, also a maser, somtyme Thomas Elveham, Priour of Lenton, also a flatte gilte pece, somtyme Lady Bardolfe, also a whit pece of silver covered with a rounde belle, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also vj. gobelettes of silver, of one sworte, bought at London, also a potel pott of silver, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a quarte pot of silver, somtyme Henre Pierpount knyght, also a bason of silver, with a rose in the myddys gylt, somtyme Philipp Repyngdon, also a ewer of silver with a longe spoute, somtyme the said Phelip, also ij. fyne chargers of silver, somtyme the seid Phelip, also xij. disshys of silver of iij. swortes, bought be Calton. Also I bequethe to Baudewyne Wilughby, my sone, if it so be that he be not promoted til no benefice of holy chirche or I die, to hys maryage, besyde a some of mone that is comprehended in my wille, that I will that myn feffes shall fulfille, to the behove of hys mariage, first, xij. spones of silver of ij. swortes, somtyme of Emmott Burton, also a gilt pece of the bell shapp, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a whit pece of silver covered with a traile of maple, also a pece of silver syngle of Parys, not gilte, somtyme the said Thomas Beamount, also a grete single pece of silver, somtyme Thomas Wirsop of Lenton, also ij. poudre boxes of silver, somtyme Richard Bonay of Notingham, also ij. forkes for grene gynger, of silver, also a quart pot of silver with the touche of Parys, somtyme the said Thomas Beamount, also a basyn of silver, the felowe of the foreseid, with the spoute, somtyme the said Thomas Beamount, also a ewer of silver to the forseid basyn, bought atte London, also ij. chargers of silver, somtyme Thomas Savage, also xij. goode dysshes of silver, somtyme Phelip Repyngdon, also vj. saucers of silver, somtyme the said Thomas Beamount. Also I bequethe to Margery Wilughby, my doughter, to hir mariage, besyde a some of mone that is comprehend in my wyll, that I will that my feffes shall fulfill to the behove of hir mariage, first, xij. spones of silver, of ij. swortes, somtyme Lady Basset and Hugh Hopwell, also a salar covered, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a flat pece of silver gilt, with the signe of the sonne, somtyme the said Thomas Beamount, also a white pece of silver covered pounced with roses, sometyme dame Margret Swelyngton, also a chalespece of silver round covered, somtyme Edmund Pierpount knyght, also vj. good Parys peces of silver of one sworte, somtyme Henry Pierpount knyght, also a potelpot of silver, somtyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also a goode quart pot of silver, somtyme Phelip

† Sir Hugh's grandmother was a daughter of Sir Richard de la Pole, and these initials are probably his.

Repyngdon, also ij. good chargers of silver, somtyme the seid Phelip, also xij. disshes of silver with armes, bought of Whitham, also a basen of silver with Ihesus in the bothom, gilt, somtyme Phelip Repyngdon, also a ewer of silver for the same basyn, some tyme the said Phelip. Also I bequethe to Henre Willughby my sone, if it so be that he be not promoted to no benefice of holy chirche or I die, to his mariage, beside a some of mony that is comprehend in my will, that I will that my feffes shall fulfill to the behove of his mariage, first, xij. spones of silver of diverse swortys, of the whech v. are gelt, also a whit pece of silver covered with a rounde boll giltide, made atte London, also a fyne gilt chalespece, somtyme Ladie Bardolfe, also a ewer of gilt for the cuppebord, somtyme Lady Bassett, also a quart pot of silver gilt, somtyme Richard Boney of Notingham, also iij. Parys peces of silver, somtyme the seid Thomas Beamount, also a single pece of silver, somtyme Witham, also a single pece of silver with a rose gilt, somtyme Henry Pierpount knyght, also ij. poudre boxes of silver, somtyme Gratton, jeueler, also a chaffar of silver, for partrich mynced, somtyme the seyd Thomas Beamount, also iij. good chaundeliers of silver of one sworte, somtyme the jeueler of Warwick, also a payr covered basens of silver, somtyme the Lady Bassett, also ij. good chargers of silver markyd with M lettre, also a dysshe of silver flatte, somtyme Gratton, jeueller, also iiij. dysshes of silver of one sworte, somtyme William Sturmy knyght, also xij. goode saucers of silver, somtyme Phelip Repyngdon. Also I bequethe til Alianore Willughby, my doughter, til hir mariage, besyde a some of mony that is comprehend in my wille, that I will my feffes fulfille to the behove of hir mariage, first, xij. spones of silver with the marke R and P, also a salar of silver covered, sometyme dame Jane Bassett, also a maser, somtyme Robert Woldeyn clerk, also a gilt chales pece covered, somtyme Robert Wodeford knyght, also a white pece of silver covered with a round boll, somtyme Elizabeth Leeke, also ij pecys of silver marked with R and P, also a potel pot of silver bought on London Brigge, also a quart pot of silver with armes, sometyme Thomas Beamount knyght, also ij. chargers of silver marked (*blank*), also xij. disshes of silver, sometyme the said Thomas Beamount, also iij. disshys of silver for potage, of oon sworte, somtyme Thomas Gratton, also a holow basen of silver for shavyng, sometyme the said Thomas Gratton. [*A long provision with respect to the above legacies in case of death, settlement of rent-charges, &c.*] Also I gif and be thys present testament bequethe the residue of all my gudes and catalles, as well qwyke as dede, nothir in thys testament ne in my will tofore rehersid, unto the said Margaret my wife, and to hir own use. Also I wille that a

speciall wille enceylyd with the seale of myn armes, in wheche I have bequothen and sette diverse thyngys to certenn persouns, be in registred and of as grete strength and auctorite as my present testament written at thys tyme for suche thyng as shall be conteyned in the same—and for to execute—this my present testament and also my laste wille—I make and ordeyn my full honorable and worthy lord and fader in God John, Archebisshop of Canterbury, my full noble lorddes Humfrey Erle of Stafford, Raf Lord Sudeley treserer of Englond, Lord Welles, John Lord Scrope of Upsall, myn overseers of the forseid testament; also I make and orden maistre William Scrope clerk, Margrete Wilughby my wife, Philip Boteler, Robert Aston, squyers, William Cumberford and Robert Stoke of Tameworth, myn executors.— Also I bequethe to Rauf Willughby my sone, til his mariage, besyde a some of money that is comprehend in my wille, that I wille that my feffes fulfill to the behove of his mariag, first, xij. sponys of silver, that weyn a pound of troy, the wheche were somtyme John Fyneron, also a covered salar of silver, that weyeth ix. ounces and a quarteron, which was nuly Thomas Beamount knyght, also a covered maser boundon with silver and gilt, the weyght of troy a pounde and half and ij. unces, somtyme Robert Wolden clerk, also a gilt pece covered, that weyth a pounde two unces and iij quarterons of a unce, also a white pece covered with Annesley * armes, that weieth a pounde and half a unce and iij. quarterons of an unce, also vj. syngle peces of one seete, somtyme dame Margaret Swillyngton, that weyn thre pounde and half thre unces and ij. quarterons, also a chales pece syngle, somtyme Richard Keryngton clerk, that weieth xj. unces, also a white ewer for the cuppebord, somtyme Thomas Reley, that weieth x. unces and half, also a galonpott of silver, that weieth iiij. pounde and a half iij. unces and a quarteron, also a potelpot of silver, that weieth iij. pounde and xj. unces, also a quart pot of silver, that weieth ij. punde vj. unces and a half, also xij. disshys of silver, of London makyng, that weien xiiij. pounde, also a basyn with an ewer of silver, somtyme Isabell Willughby my modre, that weyen iij. pounde and half ij. unces one quarteron and a half. [*Prob.* 15 Dec. 1448.]

* Isabella, the testator's mother, was a daughter of Sir Hugh Annesley. Sir Hugh made his will at Rodington, die Jovis post festum S. Mat. Apostoli, and it was proved at York on the 13th of October, 1400. He desires to be buried in the chancel of St. Peter, at Flowforth.

CVI. TESTAMENTUM WALTERI CATRIKE, BARBOUR.

Jan. iij. M.cccc.xlviij. Ego Walterus Catrike de Ebor., barboure—sepeliend. in eccles. Fratrum Predic. Ebor.—Pro sepultura mea xiij s. iiij d. Rectori meo ij s. iiij d. Johanni Chalonere, capellano, iiij d. Domino Roberto Breyde iiij d. et singulis aliis presbiteris dictæ ecclesiæ ij d. Lego in cera comburenda circa corpus meum ij lb. ecclesiæ meæ par. et ij lb. eccles. Fratr. Pred. Domino Roberto Cattrike, fratri meo, xiij s. iiij d., viz. vj s. viij d. quos michi debet, et vj s. viij d. argenti. Lego ecclesiæ S. Petri Ebor iij s. iiij d. Agneti Maunby, filiolæ meæ, iij. iiij d. Willelmo Hogesone, servienti meo, j. filour ornatum cum argento et ij. pelves concavas. Willelmo Mortone, apprenticio meo, ij. pelves concavas. Cuilibet filiæ meæ vj. marcas argenti et cuilibet earum j. zonam argentatam et ij. cocliaria argenti. Residuum Aliciæ uxori meæ.

CVII. TESTAMENTUM NICHOLAI WORTLAY DOMINI DE WORTLAY.

In Dei nomine.—In vig. S. Thomæ Apostoli, A.D. M.cccc.xlviij., Ego Nicholaus Wortley,* dominus de Wortley—sepeliend. in ecclesia par. de Hymesworth. Lego fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ xx s. et in pane et cervisia pauperibus in die sepulturæ meæ viij. marcas.—Rectori de Tankersley unum equum nomine mortuarii, vel xl s. Fabricæ ecclesiæ xx s. Fabricæ eccles. de Wortley xx s. Nicholao,† filio et heredi meo, omnia instrumenta hereditaria, prout pater meus mihi dimisit, ac eciam fabricas meas cum omnibus instrumentis.—Matildæ, filiæ meæ, vj. boves et vj. vaccas.—Dominæ Katerinæ Wortley, filiæ meæ, sex marcas, unam peciam argenti et unum cocliar argenti. Johanni filiæ Nicholai

* The head of the great family of Wortley of Wortley, which is now represented by Lord Wharncliffe. I can add nothing to the very admirable account of this ancient and talented family which has been given in Mr. Hunter's History of South Yorkshire. John Wortley, Esq. the father of the testator, by his will dated on the 6th of December, 1436, and proved at York on the 3rd of September following, desires to be buried in the church of Hymmesworth. He makes John Wombwell his executor. The whole document is of a singularly uninteresting nature, and he mentions none of his relations *eo nomine.*

† Nicholas Wortley, the son and heir of the testator, married Isabel, daughter and heir of William Tunstall of Thurland. By her, among many other children, he became the father of the celebrated Sir Thomas Wortley, of whose public and private life Mr. Hunter gives us so many interesting details. Isabel Tunstall survived her husband and made her will at Newall on March 1, 1491-2, which was proved at York on the 21st of the same month. She desires to be buried in the church of St. Michael at Thornhill. To Nicholas her son she leaves 10*l.* "Item voluntas mea est ut habeam unam petram de marbull vel alabastro super me positam cum scriptura circa petram." Her son Thomas Wortley, Knight, is her executor.

Wortley, filii mei, xl s. Johanni Wortley xl s. Willelmo Wortley, fratri suo, xl s. Residuum Roberto et Thomæ filiis meis. [*Prob.* 22 *Jan.* 1448.]

CVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ WARTER DE SYWARDBY GENEROSI.

In Dei nomine—Vicesimo die mensis Aprilis A.D. M.cccc.xlix. Ego Thomas Warter* de Sywardby, gentilman—sep. infra ecclesiam par. S. Andreæ de Bugthorpe coram altare B. Virginis, et in die sepulturæ meæ quinque libras ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum. Vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ unam togam nigram penulatam pro mortuario meo cum ij. solidis, et clerico ejusdem parochiæ xij d. Lego unum Gradale eidem ecclesiæ. Item volo quod campanile ejusdem ecclesiæ sit tectum cum plumbo de sumptibus meis propriis.—Item lego x l. uni capellæ† edificandæ in Siwardby si Prior et Conventus volunt licenciare. Uni presbitero idoneo decem libras ad celebrandum in eadem capella pro decem annis in adjutorium et sustentacionem hominibus ejusdem villæ. Willelmo fratri meo x l. Johanni Siwardby xx s. Aliciæ Siwardby vj s. viij d.—Ricardo, nuper servienti meo, xiij s. iiij d. et unam togam de murray, unum capucium, nigrum et duo dublitec', iij. par de lynyn hose, coopertorium, unum par linthiaminum, unum par de blankettes et unum par de mattres.—Executores, Ric. Warter de Ebor. fratrem meum, et Elizabetham Sywardby, uxorem Willelmi Sywardby‡ armigeri.

* A gentleman who was connected with the ancient family of Sywardby of Sywardby, near Bridlington. He was the son of William Wartre, and his family appears to have been engaged in commerce at York. The will of his brother Richard, an alderman of that city, occurs hereafter. Agnes Wattre of York, by her will dated at York on the 8th of June, 1435, bequeathed to Sir Thomas Barlay an altarcloth with A in the middle, and a ring of silver with unicorn horn. To Sir John Maltster, a cushion covered with "purseledyr." To the Rector of the church of St. Saviour's, a ring of gold with unicorn horn. To Margaret le Smyth, an Agnus Dei.

† This chapel was not built till several years had elapsed. On the 5th of August, 1468, William Poteman licenses the chapel for the celebration of divine service, "as it has not been consecrated, and considering the pious devotion of Elizabeth Sewardby, deceased, who left in her will the residue of her goods for the maintenance of a chaplain there, and because the said manor (of Siwardby) is situated at so great a distance from the parish church (Bridlington) that it is difficult for one dwelling in and near it to go to the said church to hear daily service."—Reg. Neville, fol. 102.

‡ William Sywardby of Sywardby, Esq makes his will on the 9th of April, 1450, which was proved at York on the 22nd of December following. He desires to be buried in the Conventual Church of Bridlington, where his ancestors rest in the Lord. He leaves for his mortuary his best horse, saddle, bridle, &c. and his armour, and 10 pounds of wax for torches, to be burnt around his body on the day of his burial. To the Prior and Convent of Bridlington being at his burial, and that he may be received into their fraternity, 40*s*. To the chapel of St. Mary, at Melrose, and to the fabric of the church at Bridlington, 20*s*. For the bells, and for his burial within the said church, 13*s*. 4*d*. To the fabric of the Cathedral Church of St. Peter, at York, 20*s*. To Geoffrey Pigot his son his best horse after his mortuary, his best furred gown, and a

CIX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI WYNTWORTH NUPER DE EVYRTON, ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Ricardus Wintworth* de Everton, armiger—vicesimo die Decembris, Anno Domini Millesimo cccc quadragesimo septimo—corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Sanctæ Trin. de Everton. Lego nomine mortuarii optimum meum equum cum cella et freno et gladio. Lego sex torticas et xl libras ceræ ardendæ circa corpus meum, et post obitum meum factum lego duas torticas de dictis sex torticis ecclesiæ de Everton, unam ecclesiæ par. de Mathirsay, aliam Prioratui de Mathirsay, aliam ecclesiæ de Walkryngham, et aliam capellæ de Stokhithe.—Cuilibet sacerdoti venienti ad exequias meas primas vj d. et cuilibet clerico ij d. Et ad secundas exequias cuilibet sacerdoti iiij d. et cuilibet clerico ij d.—Item volo in convocacione amicorum meorum x li. Pauperibus c s. Isabellæ filiæ meæ ad maritagium suum xx. marcas. Lego xxvj s. viij d. ad facturam unius novæ campanæ in ecclesia de Everton. Cuilibet ordini limitatorum apud Everton iij s. iiij d. Ricardo† filio meo unum chien cum cruce de auro. Willelmo filio meo unum par precum de auro. Thomæ filio meo unum par precum de corall. Isabellæ filiæ meæ unam peciam cum uno coopertorio de argento. Annæ filiæ meæ unum broche cum uno diamond. Ceciliæ uxori meæ lectum

cup "punced" with a cover. To Margaret, his dearly beloved daughter, another cup, plain, a salt with a cover of silver, one red hanging bed with costers belonging to it of red and green, one halling of red and green, and half of the stuff in the kitchen and brewhouse. To Juliana his sister 20*s*. and an annual rent of 40*s*. To John Sywardby his brother, for his life, whatever he has in the vills of Rudstane, Swathorp, and Brigham. To Peter Sywardby his brother all he has in Mowthorp. To Henry Vavasour, jun. Esq. a heart of gold. To Robert Lowthorp of Bridlington 20*s*. The residue to Elizabeth Sywardby, his most beloved bedfellow (conthorali suæ peramantissimæ,) for the health of his soul. The testator married a Vavasour of Haslewood, and appears to have left an only daughter who married into the family of Pigot of Clotherham. On the 28th of March, 1473. Lady Margaret and Ralph Pygott of Clotherham, with others, administer to the effects of Thomas Sywardby of Bridlington.

* The testator was the third son of John Wentworth of North Elmsal, Esq. and the founder of the house of Wentworth of Bretton. He married Cecily daughter and heir of John Tansley of Everton, by whom he left several children. There is a tradition that he became the husband of Matilda of York, the widow of Richard Earl of Cambridge, but this appears to be more than improbable. The Countess was certainly connected as a feoffee with the Wentworth property, and the testator may perhaps have been a gentleman in her suite, and these very circumstances probably originated the tradition. Mr. Hunter is also incredulous on this subject.

† Richard Wentworth of Bretton, Esq. the son and heir of the testator, made his will at Westbretton on the 3rd of October, 1488. He desires to be buried in the church of Silkeston. To each of his daughters, Cecily, Grace, and Alice he gives the sum of 40*l*. as a marriage portion, and to each of his sons William, John, Robert, Amery, and Thomas he gives 40s. He mentions Isabel his wife (a daughter of Sir Wm. Fitzwilliam of Sprotborough). He appoints Richard Wodroue, Amery Burdhede, Mathew Wentworth his son and heir, Ralph Bumby, and John Page his executors, and William Fitzwilliam and Thomas Wortley, Knights, his supervisors.

meum de arras cum curtens de blodio, ad terminum vitæ suæ, et post decessum suum remaneant Ricardo filio meo. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Everton vj s. viij d. pro anima Willelmi Parker nuper vicarii ibidem. Ceciliæ uxori meæ unum halywatirfatte et unum strynkyll de argento, ad terminum vitæ suæ—remaneant Ricardo filio meo. Lego Rogero Hudson xiij s. iiij d. et unam togam de raye. Summo altari ecclesiæ de Everton unam calicem. Nicholao Fitzwilliam pro labore suo xl s. Johanni Wombewell xx s. Thomæ Wortley xx s. Residuum Ceciliæ uxori meæ. Executores Cecilia uxor mea, Nicholaus Fitzwilliam, Johannes Wombewell, et Tho. Wortley. Supervisor, Philippus Wentworth, armiger. [*Prob.* 29 *May*, 1449.]

CX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI WILLELMI NORMANVILE MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. x. Jun. M cccc.xlix. Ego Willelmus Normanvile* de Kelyngwike, miles—sepeliend. in choro ecclesiæ Omn. Sanctor. de K.—Lego ecclesiæ de Tadcaster j. vestimentum. Monialibus de Wattone xiij s. iiij d. Monialibus de Hampoule vj s. viij d. Utrique Fratrum Religiosorum Beverlaci ut eorum uterque celebret unum trentale—v s. Willelmo filio meo omnia terras—in Newtone sub Onesbargh in Clivelande—Thomæ filio meo terras in Tadcastre.—Residuum Elizabethæ† uxori meæ, et Johanni filio meo.

CXI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI ROBERTI ROLLESTON PREPOSITI ECCLESIÆ BEVERLACENSIS.

In nomine Summæ et Individuæ Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Tanta est enim humanæ condicionis miseria, etc. Ego Robertus Rolleston ‡ clericus, 24 Dec. 1450.

* A distinguished Yorkshire family, which was long seated at Kilnwick. Of its history, however, there is but little known.

† By her will, dated at Killingwick on the 20th of April, 1461, which was proved at York on the 10th of September following, she desires to be buried in the choir of the church of Killingwick. To Sir John Normanvill, Knight, her son, she leaves her best bowl of silver, her best cup with a cover gilt, and her best bed with one cistern at Smals, with a great brass cauldron there, and if it happen that Dame Margaret the wife of the said Sir John be pregnant and have a son, the said bowl, &c. to go to him. To her son William, if he be alive, 20 marks. To her son Thomas Normanvill, if his brother Sir John be alive and not dead, 20*l.* To Margaret and Alice her daughters 40*l.* each, on the condition that they marry with the advice and consent of their brothers and her executors. She wills that all the ornaments and garments belonging to her body be given to her daughters, and she wills that William Eliott sing for her soul during three years. William Crosse, &c. executors.

‡ An ecclesiastic of great wealth and influence. On the 7th of December, 1427, he was appointed Provost of the Collegiate Church of Beverley; this office he held till

Corpusque meum ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ in medio capellæ Sanctæ Katarinæ Virginis infra Ecclesiam Collegiatam Sancti Johannis Beverlacensis tumulandum et sepeliendum; et foveam sepulturæ meæ ibidem cooperiri cum lapide marmoreo. In qua quidem capella, videlicet in fine orientali ejusdem, volo unam fenestram lapideam fieri de novo et vitreari de bonis meis, cujus partem unam de miraculis Beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ et aliam partem de historia predictæ Virginis Katerinæ volo memorari. Item lego altari ejusdem capellæ unum par candelabrorum argenteorum cum parcellis deauratum, unum par fiolarum argenti cum parcellis deauratum, unum osculatorium pro pace portanda de argento et in toto deaurata sculpta cum istis ymaginibus cum crucifixo, Maria et Johanne; unum vas argenti pro aqua benedicta imponenda cum isopo argenti, et unum vestimentum bauldekyn de panno ad aurum. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Malberthorp vestimentum meum rubium cum leonibus ad aurum cum le contrefrontel de eadem secta. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Charryng unum vestimentum de panno ad aurum bauldekyn, ut parochiani ejusdem ecclesiæ me suis oracionibus habeant spiritualiter recommendatum. Capellæ de Egerton dictæ ecclesiæ parochiali de Charryng annexæ, unum aliud vestimentum de panno ad aurum bauldekyn. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Wiberton unum vestimentum de consimili panno, simili modo. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Warton unum vestimentum de panno ad aurum ac unum Missale pro summo altari. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Esington unum Missale de usu Sarum pro summo altari. Ecclesiæ parochiali de Haxby juxta Ebor. unum vestimentum panni. Item volo quod distribuantur pauperibus egenis et in lectis decubentibus viginti libræ in pecunia, videlicet, in die sepulturæ meæ xx. marcæ, et in die septima sepulturæ meæ decem marcæ. Item volo insuper quod in qualibet parochia ubicunque fui aut sum in presenti beneficiatus quamcicius comode fieri potuerit inter pauperes languentes et egenos xl. marcæ in toto erogentur et distribuantur. Rogero Rolleston * fratri meo, uni executorum meorum, pro labore suo,

his death. On the 24th of November, 1427, he became Prebendary of Driffield, in the church of York, on the resignation of Thomas Kempe, who afterwards filled the see of London. He held many other ecclesiastical preferments, and he was also an officer under the Bishop of Durham. In addition to these ecclesiastical distinctions Rolleston was in the service of the State. In 1421 he was Keeper of the Great Wardrobe, and we find also that he was present with the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Bishop of St. Asaph when it was determined to raise the sum of 2,000 marks by pawning the King's "riche coler." A document in the Lansdowne MSS. in the British Museum would lead us to infer that he was no longer Provost at the day of his death; but, from the fact that his successor, John Barningham, the treasurer at York, did not receive his appointment till the early part of the year 1451, there is not much credit to be attached to it.

* Roger Rolleston of Beverley, Esq. the brother and executor of the testator, makes his will on the 3rd of August, 1458, which was proved at York on the 18th of the

20 l. et optimum ciphum meum stantem coopertum et deauratum et chaceatum cum opere Damasci. Item lego Magistro Stephano Wilton,* uni executorum meorum, pro labore suo, 10 l. Roberto Ledis,† nepoti meo, uni exec. meorum, pro labore suo, 10 l. et unum ciphum argenti et deaurat' stantem coopertum et chaceatum losengewise. Thomæ Wilton, uni executorum meorum, pro labore suo, 10 l. Margaretæ uxori predicti Rogeri fratris mei, unum ciphum argenteum et deauratum stantem coopertum et chaceatum cum opere Damasci. Edmundo Portington ‡ unum ciphum argenti et deaurati stantem coopertum et chaceatum writhen. Johanni Pykeryng 40 s. et unum equum cum cella et freno suo gradui competentem. Roberto Conyers unum ciphum argenti coopertum et deauratum, unum equum cum sella et freno suo gradui competentem et c s. Johanni § filio predicti Rogeri

same month. He desires to be buried in the church of St. John, before the image of the glorious Virgin above the red chest (supra rubiam cistam). He mentions his deceased wife Margaret, and his sons William and John Rolleston. To his daughter Margaret (wife of William) Gunnas he leaves a silver piece chased like a rose. To Ellen Kelk his daughter another piece pounced with a chaplet "de treyfolez" and three leopards at the base. To Elizabeth Ardern his daughter another piece with three lions at the base.

* Stephen Wilton, Doctor of Laws, was appointed to the prebend of Tockerington, in the church of York, 17 Oct. 1434. On Nov. 10, 1441, he resigned this stall for that of Strensall in the same church. On the same day in the following year he was made Canon of St. Martin at Beverley; and on 16 April, 1443, he was appointed Rector of Hugate on the resignation of Robert Wiot, and he exchanged his Archdeaconry of Middlesex with the same person for the Rectory of Baynton. This latter piece of preferment he resigns in 1446 in favour of Thomas Wilton. On the 10th of February, 1449, he succeeds Thomas Kempe, who had been promoted to the see of London, in his stall of South Cave, resigning for it that of Strensall, and on the 20th of the same month he was appointed to the prebend of South Muskham, in the church of Southwell, which had been vacated by Mr. Hugh Pakenham; this he resigned in 1453. Finally, on the 18th of August, 1453, on the death of William Duffield, he became Archdeacon of Cleveland: this office he held till his death. He was also prebendary of Empingham, in the Cathedral of Lincoln. By his will, dated on the 4th of June, 1457, he desires that if he dies in any place within the realm of England he may be buried in the church of St. John at Beverley.

† Of Mollescroft, near Beverley, gen. His father, William Ledes of Mollescroft, gen mentions him as his son and heir in his will, which is dated on the 4th of September, 1436, and which was proved at York on the 7th of November following. He desires to be buried in the choir of the chapel of the Blessed Mary at Beverley, near his wife. He mentions Elizabeth his sister.

‡ Edmund Portyngton by his will, dated Dec. 16, 1463, directs his body to be buried in the nave of the church of St. John at Beverley, near the tomb of the said St. John. "I will that Ralph Heslarton, gentleman, my cousin, have five marks yearly for three years towards his exhibition in the Court at London."

§ His will was made on the 5th of September, 1458, and was proved at York on the 14th of the same month. He describes himself as John Rolleston (of Beverley, Esq.) son of Roger Rolleston, lately deceased. He directs his body to be buried in the Collegiate Church of the Blessed John of Beverley, near his father's tomb. To Margaret Gunnas his sister he leaves a silver cup covered, with this motto (racione) inscribed on the cover, *drynke depe*. To Ellen Kelk his sister he bequeaths a silver cup standing. To Elizabeth Ardern his sister a silver cup of the like size and make. To Margaret Gunnas his sister a certain woman's saddle which belonged to Margaret

fratris mei, unum ciphum argenti stantem coopertum deauratum et chaceatum losengewise.—Magistro Roberto Kirkeman unam togam lunatam cum capucio de blod, unum ciphum argenti cum cooperculo chaceato cum rosis, et unum equum ambulantem cum sella et freno. Magistro Roberto Qwyntyn unam togam linatam de violett ingranatam, cum capucio pro eadem. Domino Thomæ Wencelagh unam togam nigram longam penulatam cum martrons cum capucio eidem pertinente, et unum ciphum argenti coopertum et chaceatum cum rosis et decem marcas argenti. Ricardo Gower 40 s. et unum equum suo gradui competentem. Willelmo Normanvile 26 s. 8 d. et unum equum suo gradui competentem. Willelmo Moulton c s. et unam togam cum capucio pro eadem de violet ingranatam, toga videlicet penulata cum bisse et capucio cum puredgrey. Willelmo Cotton unum ciphum argenti coopertum stantem deauratum et chaceatum writhen—volo quod omnes familiares domus meæ vestiantur nigro panno, et quod hospicium meam teneatur plene et integre per unum quarterium unius anni post obitum meum. Item volo quod funeralia mea fiant absque pompæ vanitate vel magna effusione expensarum et absque longa protelacione temporis, et quod duodecim pauperes vestiti sint nigris qui portent xij. torcheas mediocris ponderis—volo quod inter pauperes tenentes preposituræ meæ, et maxime de South Dalton, Middleton, Cheriburton, Walkyngton, Ruston et Welwyke distribuantur 40 marks. Item volo quod Portiforium meum coopertum cum nigro panno de velvett vendatur, et quod de precio conducatur unus capellanus idoneus ad celebrandum pro anima Roberti Leversegge et pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum.

CXII. TESTAMENTUM HAWISLÆ ASKE DE EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Hawisia Aske de Eboraco,* compos mentis meæ, condo et ordino testamentum meum in hunc

his mother. To Sir Thomas Halitreholme, chaplain, a new Psalter, which lately belonged to Margaret Tirwhitt. To William Rolleston (probably his brother) an annual rent of 40s. for life. To John Smyth, chaplain of the chantry founded in honour of St. John of Beverley and St. Katharine the Virgin in the aforesaid Collegiate Church, and to his successors, a croft called "Frary Close," in Beverley, opposite to the Friary or Hospital of St. Nicholas, to the augmentation of his salary, that the same chaplain and his successors may pray devoutly for the soul of that venerable man Robert Rolleston, clerk, late Provost of the aforesaid Collegiate Church, for the souls of the above mentioned Roger his father, Margaret his mother, for the souls of all his ancestors, and for his own.

* This lady was evidently a daughter of the house of Mowbray of Eseby in Cleveland. She was twice married; her first husband was William Selby, a wealthy citizen of York, who died before 1427. Her second husband was the head of an ancient and considerable family, Roger Aske of Aske, near Richmond. She survived him also,

modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam Omnipotenti Deo, Creatori meo, corpusque meum in ecclesia Cathedrali Eboracensi in tumulo Willelmi Selby* quondam viri mei ibidem sepulti sepeliendum. Item lego fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ et pro sepultura mea in eadem habenda xl s. Item lego pro mortuario meo optimum meum pannum pro corpore meo aptatum. Item lego xxv lb. ceræ in quinque cereis conficiendis, circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ comburendis. Item lego xiij torches, quælibet ponderis vj lb. ceræ, quarum quidem xiij torches predictarum volo quod quatuor torches deserviant summo altari ecclesiæ Sancti Michaelis le Belfray tempore elevacionis corporis Christi illuminandæ, duæ aliæ torches altari Beatæ Mariæ in eadem ecclesia servituræ, una torch altari Sanctorum Thomæ Cantuarensis Archiepiscopi et Beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ in eadem ecclesia servitura, duæ aliæ torches summo altari ecclesiæ de Langtofte, duæ aliæ torches capellæ de Cotom, et duæ aliæ torches summo altari ecclesiæ parochialis de Eseby† juxta Richmound.

and after his death she retired to York to spend the rest of her days. This is the only will in existence of any member of the family of Aske of Aske, and it throws very great light upon the history and genealogy of that time-honoured house. The furniture and the jewels which the testatrix leaves behind her give us some idea of her wealth and taste, and she enumerates them with a careful precision which no one probably who had not presided over more than one household could possibly attain to.

* A wealthy citizen of York, who represented the city in parliament four several times. By his will, dated on the 20th of July, 1423, and proved on 3rd of August, 1427, he directs himself to be buried "in majori ecclesia Beati Petri Eboracensis," *i.e.* the cathedral, near the bodies of his ancestors, under his marble stone. To George Mowbray he leaves his tenement in Petergate, with its shops. To Hawisia his wife his tenements in Colyargate, &c. and the lands which he had by the bequest of William Mowbray her brother, with remainder to William son of the above mentioned George Mowbray, on condition that they and their heirs bear the surname of "Seleby." To Roger Selby his brother he bequeathes a plain silver cup covered, which formerly belonged to the Master of St. Leonard's. To three chaplains, to perform service for his soul and for those of his benefactors at the altar of St. Mary the Virgin in Belfreys church, 15*l*. To George Mowbray "optimum meum bacenet cum uno ventali et unam loriream optimam de calibe cum uno brestplate, leghernes, vaumbrace et rerebrace." To his wife Hawise all the ornaments belonging to his body and head "cum anulis, pirris et preculis." To his cousin Agnes a silver piece with a cover called flat. To Sir Thomas Housman, chaplain, a covered silver piece "qua idem Thomas utatur maxime in potando." To John son of George Mowbray a zone with a dagger of silver. To William Mowbray his best zone of silver, with his baslard. To Robert Bruse a breastplate of stele. To Hawise Wandisford 20*s*. He also mentions Hawisia daughter of his son Lawrence, his brother Roger Selby, his sister Agnes, and Robert Mowbray brother of William Mowbray. To Agnes daughter of Roger Selby his brother he gives 10 marks towards her marriage portion.

† Aske is in the parish of Easby. In that interesting old church, which nestles beneath the walls of the fair monastery of St. Agatha, there are no memorials of the Askes remaining, save a weather-beaten shield upon the outside of the porch. The earlier members of the family of Aske were probably buried in the nunnery of Marrick in Swaledale, which was founded by Roger de Aske the lord of Marrick in the twelfth century. In the prosperity of this little shrine in the wilderness his descendants took the deepest interest. The founder's choir was on the north side of the church ; it is now entirely destroyed, and exists only in that very valuable ground-plan of the nunnery

Capellano parochiali Sancti Michaelis predicti iij s. iiij d. Cuilibet capellano ejusdem ecclesiæ xx d. Clerico parochiali ejusdem ecclesiæ xx d. Subclerico ejusdem ecclesiæ x d. Quatuor ordinibus Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor., cuilibet xiij s. iiij d. Domino Johanni Horsley capellano ad celebrandum pro anima mea et maritorum meorum in ecclesia Sancti Michaelis predicta per tres annos proximos post decessum meum, videlicet per annum, c s. Cuilibet domui leprosorum in Suburbiis Eboraci iij s. iiij d. Ad distribuendum inter pauperes die sepulturæ meæ et octavo die, penes discrecionem executorum meorum, sex marcas. Conano Aske* filio meo, quatuor bovettos quos sibi prestavi, tres vaccas cum tribus vitulis, unam equam ambulantem et unum lectum pendentem de rubio et viridi. Katerinæ, uxori dicti Conani, unum par precularium de corall cum gaudiis argenteis et deauratis. Rogero Aske, filio et heredi Conani Aske, unum lectum pendentem de scewyne warke cum omnibus costeris ejusdem sectæ eidem lecto pertinentibus, unam togam de cremesyn penulatam cum marts, unam togam de scarlett singularem cum manicis fractillatis, Anglice jagges, unam Primarium quod quondam fuit Roger Aske † avi sui nuper viri mei, unam zonam de serico rubio argento paratam, et optimam ollam meam æream. Johannæ Lascels,‡ sorori predicti Rogeri Aske nuper viri mei, unam tablett argenteam et deauratam de Salutacione Beatæ Mariæ Virginis ornatam cum margaritis. Thomæ Aske filio meo, tres vaccas, tres vitulos et unam equam ambulantem. Isabellæ uxori dicti Thomæ, unum par precum aumbre et unum annulum auri cum viridi lapide in eodem posito. Johanni Moubray de Eseby in Clyveland armigero, unum coverlet cum tapeto de rubio de opere de arrasse cum leonibus, duas tabulas mensales, duo paria trestellorum, unum hallyng de nigro et rubio, unum par andenarum ferri, duas cistas de Flanner, unam

which may be found in the Collectanea Topographica. The later lords of Aske deserted the bleak and stormswept hill of Marrick, and found a fairer resting-place within the stately monastery of Easby.

* Son and heir of Roger Aske, Esq. On the division of his grandfather Pert's lands in 7 Henry VI. among the representatives of his three daughters and coheiresses, Conan Aske obtains one share as the son and heir to his mother who was then dead. On 21 May, 1465, he obtains permission from the Archdeacon of Richmond to have service celebrated within his house at Aske. The maiden name of his wife is uncertain.

† Roger Aske of Aske, Esq., the second husband of the testatrix, died 18 Henry VI. He was twice married ; his first wife was Elizabeth the youngest of the three daughters and coheirs of William Pert, by Isabella daughter and heir of Stephen Scrope. She died before the 7th of Henry VI. After her death he married the testatrix, who was then the rich widow of William Selby of York. He would probably become acquainted with her in her youth at her home in Cleveland, and his intercourse with his southern cousins the Askes of Aughton would give him many opportunities for renewing his intimacy.

‡ Wife of John Lascelles, Esq of Soureby near Thirsk, by whom she had a large family. Her husband died in 1459-60.

archam, unum bord bed; item in brasina unum plumbum, unum calderium, unum moldyng bord; item in domo lardarii unum bultyngton, duos troghes; item in le gylehous tres wortleds. Item lego eidem Johanni Mowbray unam zonam de serico argento paratam et deauratam cum ymagine trium Regum de Colon sculpta in le bokyl ejusdem zonæ, sibi et heredibus suis successive imperpetuum. Margaretæ uxori dicti Johannis Moubray, unum par precum de corall cum gaudiis argenteis et deauratis, unam mappam cum tuello de twyl, unum par linthiaminum de panno de layke, unum curtum tuellum de reynes, tres vaccas, tres vitulos et unam equam ambulantem. Christoforo Moubray, filio dicti Johannis Moubray, unum lectum blodium de opere de arasse, unum par linthiaminum de panno de layke, unum par lodicum, unum materes, unam ollam æream, et unam patellam. Alianoræ uxori dicti Christofori, unum coffre de jete ligatum cum argento. Isabellæ sorori dicti Christofori, unum Primarium cum uno clasp argento parato et deaurato, unam togam de scarlet singularem, centum margaritas et decem marcas argenti. Margaretæ sorori dictæ Isabellæ, unum aliud Primarium, centum margaritas et decem marcas argenti. Hawisiæ sorori dictæ Margaretæ, filiolæ meæ, unum aliud Primarium luminatum cum auro cum duobus clasps argento paratis et deauratis, unum chaplet cum margaritis, et decem libras ad maritagium. Elizabethæ Pudsay * unum parvum Primarium cum uno clasp argento parato quod quondam fuit patris sui, tres vaccas, tres vitulos et unam equam ambulantem. Hawisiæ filiæ predicti Conani Aske, filiolæ meæ, unum par precum cum gaudiis de peryll cum uno knop de peryll. Elenæ sorori dictæ Hawisiæ, unum fillett de peryl. Johannæ sorori dictæ Elenæ, unum par precum de aumbre et de corall. Isabellæ uxori predicti Rogeri Aske, filii predicti Conani, unum par precum de corall cum gaudiis argenteis et deauratis. Isabellæ Bruys † unum Northfolke

* The wife of Sir William Pudsey, Knight, an unrecorded member of the family of Bolton. He and his wife were buried under an immense slab of blue marble in the church of Gainford, which, according to popular tradition, was removed from the little chapel of Barford on the opposite bank of the Tees. In 1499, Bishop Fox grants a pardon to Jakettus (or James) son and heir of Sir William Pudsey, Knight, for an entry without license into his late father's lands in Darlington, Killerby, and Ingleton. In 1511 William, brother and heir of James Pudsey, Esq. has livery of the same lands.

† Wife of Robert Bruce, Esq. and probably own sister to the testatrix. Her will is dated at York on the 30th of July, 1477. She styles herself as "Isabella nuper uxor Roberti Bruce arm." and she desires to be buried in the cloisters of the Nunnery of St. Clement, in the suburbs of York, near the place of sepulture of Joan her sister, under the images of the blessed Mary and St. William there. She then bequeaths "feretro Corporis Christi in Eboraco unum tusshew nigrum cum pusculis, xxxj stipis et pendentibus argenti, et unum annulum auri cum lapide in eodem cum flagellis ex utraque parte, et unum annulum auri cum lapide in eodem vocato unum diamant capiti Ricardi Scrope." To Dame Margaret Delarever, Prioress of the said nunnery, a brazen pot and 20*s.* in money, and to each nun of the same house 12*d.* To Dame

bedd cum tapeto, quatuor paria linthiaminum, unum par lodicium, tres coverletts, unam pelvem cum lavacro, duas ollas æreas cum duobus patellis, dimidiam duodenam vasorum de peltro garnisatam, sex cocliaria argentea, tres ulnas panni nigri de lyre ad unam togam, unum par precum de auro, unum monile auri, unam cistam rubiam, unum candelabrum duplum de laton, et unum aliud candelabrum de laton singulum. Johannæ sorori dictæ Isabellæ Bruys unum collobium de panno nigro, unam togam panni nigri penulatam, unum coverlett, unum par lodicium, unum par linthiaminum, unum parvum lectum plumalem, unam ollam æream trium lagenarum, unam parvam patellam cum uno stert, et quinque marcas argenti. Agneti Selby * tres coverletts cum tapetis de rubeo vel de viridi utrum eligere voluerit, unum lectum plumalem, unum par linthiaminum de panno de lake, duo alia paria linthiaminum, unam mappam cum tuello de twyl, unam pelvem cum lavacro, dimidiam duodenam vasorum de peltro, duas ollas æreas, duas patellas, unum candelabrum de laton duplum, et unum aliud candelabrum de laton singulum, et unum mantellum penulatum. Willelmo Moubray unum lectum plumalem de rubio et viridi, unum par linthiaminum de panno de reynes, unum par lodicium, unum materesse, duos pillowes, unam mappam, duas tuellas, duas ollas æreas, unum pelvem cum lavacro, dimidiam

Alice Darby, anchorite in the same place, 16*d*. To John Mowbray, a ring of gold with the image of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To Christopher Mowbray, a silver spoon. To William, her brother, a bed called a Northfolk bed, with a coverlet, one pair of the best sheets and blankets, one mattress and one bolster. To God and St. Clement, six cushions of "aras warke," and one banquer of the same work, to serve in the same church for covers. For her funeral expenses she leaves 40*s*., and the residue is given to the Prioress of St Clement's. [*Prob.* 1 *Sept.* 1477.]

* By her will dated at York, Dec. 12, 1464, and proved there on the 22nd of May in the following year, she directs her body to be buried in the choir of the Blessed Virgin in the church of St. Michael de Belfrey, between the lavatory and the altar. To Margaret, wife of John Mowbray, Esq., her cousin, she leaves a chest "cum duobus stagez." To Chr. their son, a silver spoon, and to Hawise, his sister, a zone of black silk "paratam argento" and gilt. To Elizabeth, wife of Sir William Pudsey, Knight, "unum serkelet continens quinque werkes." To Isabella Bruys, sister of the said John Mowbray, a halling, six cushions and a banquer, all of arras work. To Roger Aske, two silver spoons. To William Selby, her cousin, three cushions "cum werwolfes." To Robert Mowbray, brother of the said Willliam, all her "chaumberyng" of red and green, three cushions with weirwolves, curtains of red card, a coverlet "de viridi et glauco" with birds. To George, son of the said Robert, her best iron pot, and to Alice, his sister, her best pan. To William, son of Joan Mowbray, deceased, sister of the said John Mowbray, her best zone "argento paratam" and gilt. To Alice, wife of William Freman, scribe, her best pair of coral beads with gaudes of silver gilt, a crucifix of silver and gilt, and a gold clasp hanging to the said pair of beads. To Ellen, daughter of the said William, a pair of coral beads with gaudes of silver gilt, and a little posnet. To Agnes Hastyngs, her cousin, a black gown "penulatam" with gray, and another gown of green lined with card. To Richard Hastyngs, son to the said Agnes, a pair of knives "argento paratum" and gilt, and to Joan, his sister, her second best gown of green "penulatam." To the chaplain of the chantry in the church of St. Michael de Belfrey, called Selby Chantry, an annual rent issuing out of her tenements in Fossegate, for the term of eight years.

duodenam vasorum de peltro garnisatam, et unam zonam de russett argento paratam. Item lego Roberto Moubray unum coverlet cum tapeto cum tribus curtens de rubio say, unum par linthiaminum, unum par lodicium, tres pillowes, unam mappam, duas tuellas, duas ollas æreas, et unam pelvem cum lavacro. Priorissæ et Conventui de Marryke quinque marcas argenti. Item lego Patton, famulo meo, vj s. viij d. Willelmo Rasebek, famulo meo, vj s. viij d. Margeriæ famulæ meæ unam furruram de puts, unum collobum singularem de scarlet, unum flameolum de lawen de optimis, unum nigrum kyrtill, et xx s. argenti. Emotæ famulæ meæ unam vaccam, unum vitulum, et unum flameolorum meorum de filo. Johannæ Hopper famulæ meæ tres ulnas panni blodii et unam vestem dictam frend inde sibi fiendam et vj s. viij d. argenti. Johannæ Chery famulæ meæ sex vaccas et xl s. ad suum maritagium. Margaretæ Legett famulæ meæ unam vaccam. Marionæ, famulæ meæ, x s. Cuilibet vicario in choro ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eboracensis predictæ qui missam celebrare poterit xij d., ita quod eorum quilibet die sepulturæ meæ celebret unam missam de Requiem pro anima mea et animabus Willelmi Selby et Rogeri Aske quondam maritorum meorum. Pro expensis meis funeralibus die sepulturæ meæ et octavo die circa corpus meum honeste fiendis, decem marcas. Predicto Willelmo Moubray totum illud tenementum meum cum suis pertinentiis in Nessegate in Eboraco quod nuper perquisivi de domino Willelmo Moreby capellano, deinde Roberto Moubray fratri suo. Residuum—predictis Willelmo et Roberto Moubray. Executores meos facio predictum Isabellam Bruys, Agnetem Selby ac dominos Johannem Noyre, Willelmum Bruys et predictum Johannem Horseley capellanos—et magistrum Robertum Dobbes * supervisorem, cui dono unam peciam argenti coopertam et deauratam. Datum Ebor. [*Pr.* 11 *Jan.* 1450-1.]

CXIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS NEVILL MILITIS, FILII ET HEREDIS RADULPHI COMITIS WESTMERLAND.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Y^e first day of Decembre, ye yere of our Lorde M^l^cccc.xlix. I John Nevill,† knyght, sone and here

* Robert Dobbes appears to have been high in the favour of the Archbishop of York, as there are few of his ecclesiastical proceedings in which he did not take a part. He was appointed to the office of Precentor in the church of York in 1439, which he held till 1447, when he resigned it for the rectory of Cottingham. In that year he was made Prebendary of Givendale, in the church of Ripon, which he held for barely eleven months. In 1450-1 he became Canon of South Newbald, in the Cathedral of York, which he held till his death in 1459. He was also Keeper of the Spiritualties, and Official of the Court at York.

† The testator, the hope of a princely house, was the eldest and only son of Ralph

to Rauf Erle of Westmerland, beyng in good hele and good mynde, remembryng ye uncertante of this worlde and as it due to every creatur to dispose and ordeyne for the helthe of his saule, as wele when he is in goode hele as when he is visited by the hond of Gode; thus I ordeyne and mak my testament: First, I bequeth my soule to Gode Fadere Allmyghty, therewyth to do his blissyde will; and as for my body, to be buriede in the chirch in Hautenprice with in the quere in the mydds of the chauncell, and that I ly honestly as it is acordyng for myn estat, be the advise and discrecione of them that I sall mak myn executours. Also I bequeth to the sam place whar my body shall rist for my cors presant a coursour cald Lyard Nevile. Also I will yat myn executours ordayn an honest and a kunnyng prest to synge for my soule a twelmoneth, and yat he have for his sallary x. marc. Also I bequeth to the same place for to mak of vestyments a gowne of cloth of gold blew, a dowblett of the same, a gowne of blak velvett and all my doublets of velvett. Also I bequeth to the same place a standyng cuppe silver and giltt callide ye Kataryne and thar of to mak a chalis. Also I bequeth to my wife Anne all the remannt of my goods mevable and unmevable and sche to be myn executrice of my testament, and w^t^ the said good to pay my detts well and trewly, as my servants wages yat they be behynd, as all myn other creditours, that I be in no perill yerfore. Also I bequeth to my seid wiffe Anne to helpe also towarde the paymentts of my said detts c. marc due to me be my lord hir fadir of hir mariage, if sche can recure y^t^, and if sche can not yat be non impedimentt to the paymentt of my saide detts. Also I bequeth my said wiff all ye money that is due to me by my said lorde hir fadir. Also I bequeth all my furrs to my wiffe Anne. Also I will that my said wiff have holly all the lyflode yat sche was indued inne even like as I have itt. Also I will yat the servantts yat I have feed by my lettres patents that they have y^t^ still lik as ye patents make mencon. And I will that my said wiff mak Thomas Prowtfott sure of x. marc yerly terme of his lyfe. Also as for my servants yat be not feede, I wull y^t^ they be rewardyd by discrecon of my said wiff. These I ordayne to

Neville second Earl of Westmerland, by his first wife Elizabeth, daughter of Henry Lord Percy (Hotspur), and widow of John Lord Clifford. In the civil wars, he adopted the cause of the House of Lancaster, and was slain at the battle of St. Alban's, in 1451. His wife was Anne, daughter of John Holland, Duke of Exeter, by whom he left no issue. After his death she re-married Sir John Neville, her first husband's uncle, who was killed at Towton, in 1461, *ex parte regis*. It is a somewhat singular fact, that the dispensation for the marriage of the Earl of Westmerland with Lady Clifford was not issued until the 28th of November, 1436. The contracting parties were related to each other in the third and fourth degrees of consanguinity. The marriage, therefore, must have taken place before this dispensation was granted; otherwise the testator could not have been more than fifteen years of age when he was killed. Lord Clifford died in the ninth of Henry V.

be myn executours, first myn wiff Anne principall, and than John Crakanthorp,* Thomas Prowtfott, Sir Nicholas Mawchell † my chapelleyn, and they fulfill this my will. [*Pr. 5 April*, 1451.]

CXIV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS MALEVERER ARMIGERI NUPER IN PAR. DONCASTRE DEFUNCTI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Tercio die mensis Januarii, A.D. Millesimo cccc.lj. Ego Johannes Maleverer,‡ compos mentis — Lego corpus meum sepeliendum in ecclesia Sancti Francisci. Lego vj lb. ceræ ad comburendum circa corpus meum in die sepulturæ meæ. Presbiteris et clericis existentibus ad exequias meas pro anima mea. Fratribus Minoribus Doncastriæ ubi corpus meum erit sepultum vj marcas. Fratribus Carmelitis Doncastr' vj s. viij d. Fabricæ eccles. B. Mar. de Sprotburgh vj s. viij d. Fabricæ eccles. B. Petri Ebor. vj s. viij d. Ricardo Rawlyn capellano ad celebrandum pro anima mea per tres annos xxj. marcas. Item volo quod dictus Ricardus habeat in custodia sua calicem meum deauratum, dum celebret pro anima mea, et deinde remaneat Aluredo§ filio meo apud Cusseworth. Lego Edmundo Dayvell ‖ j. pece argenti cum coopertorio. Willelmo Mawleverer j. pece argenti. Alueredo Mawleverer j. pece argenti, j. hallyng

* John Crackenthorpe of Newbiggin in Westmerland, Esq., was the receiver to Lady Clifford of her revenues in Westmerland. His will is dated at York, on the 7th of November, 1462. In it he desires to be buried in the church of the Friars Preachers at York, near the grave of Anastasia his wife. He mentions John Crackenthorpe, his sons Edmund and Richard Crackenthorpe, and his daughter Alice. To John Crackenthorpe, of Holgill, Esq., he leaves his best covered cup of silver save one. To Joan wife of George Swale, his late wife's sister, he bequeathes a red bed. His deceased wife, Anastasia, was a Vavasour, of Weston, and Thomas Vavasour was one of his executors. Thomas and James Crackenthorpe, two of the testator's brothers, were killed at the disastrous battle of Towton, in 1461, fighting for the House of Lancaster.

† Probably a member of the family of Machel, of Crackenthorpe, near Appleby, in Westmerland, who was in the service of the family of Clifford.

‡ The testator, a scion in all probability of the great family of Mauleverer, was connected with one of its flourishing branches, which was settled at Letwell. In the year 1403 John Mauleverer (the father of the testator?) and Joan his wife obtain the manor of Cusworth from Richard Leeds. This manor was now in his possession, and descended to Alured, his son. Cusworth passed from the Mauleverers in the reign of Edward V.

§ Alured Manleverer, the testator's son, to whom the manor of Cusworth descended, died in 1455. On the 5th of July in that year, the administration to the effects of Alured Malyverer, of Cusworth, was granted to Walter Calverley, of Calverley, Esq.

‖ The family of Davell, or D'Eyvile, was for a long time in possession of the manor of Warmesworth. On the 7th of November, 1466, Sir Edmund Mountford, rector of Warmesworth, administers to the effects of Edmund Davell of Warmesworth, gen. Mountford was presented to the rectory in 1432, by Thomas D'Eyville, the patron of the living; and he held it until his death, in 1471. There was a family of Davell, at Bilton, and another at Coxswold, in this century. From the latter descended the Davells, of Kirkby Fletham, in Richmondshire.

pantyd, j. contyngburde, pewdyr wessell. Isabellæ Dayvell unum equum nigrum, Edmundo Dayvell unam togam optimam penulatam, Laurentio Holyngworth unam togam penulatam et unum equum. Residuum distribuendum inter filios juniores et filias Gerardi Salven ac inter Johannem et Elizabetham Deyvell.—Edmundus Dayvell, Isabella uxor ejus et Ric. Rawlyn executores mei, et quiscunque contradixerit voluntati meæ anathema sit. [*Prob.* 8 *May*, 1451.]

CXV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ ELENÆ GILSON.

In the name of oure Lord God Almighti, Amen. The xxviij day of the moneth of June in the yere of oure Lorde M.cccc.lj, I dame Heleyn Gilson of Gysburn in Cliveland, some tyme the wife of William Gilson of Gysburn aforesaid, hole in witt and mynde—my bodie to be beried in the Conventuale kirke of Gysburn vndre the marbil stone ordeinede and arraied for my husband and me. Also I will unto my cors presant my stepe lede. Also to the lightes in the parishe kirke iij s. iiij d. Also to the preste of Holmeswath chapel iij s. iiij d. Also to Sr Nichol Ripon, yf he go to Seinte James, x s. Also to Cristiane Esby my brodre daughtir ij. kie ij. beddes j bras pott j. ketill and ij. silver spones. Also to William Grome wife j. coverlet, j. par blankettes and par shetes. Also j. posnet to Anne, the daughter of the saide William. And the residue I will to Thomas Laysyngby the son of my daughter.

CXVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS CLERK NUPER CAPELLANI CAPELLÆ B. MARIÆ MAGDALENÆ JUXTA EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xij. die mensis Septembris, Anno Domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo nono. Ego Johannes Clerke capellanus capellæ Beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ inter Clifton et Bothom in suburbiis Eboraci situatæ, compos mentis meæ, condo et ordino testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam Omnipotenti Deo, Creatori meo, corpusque meum in ecclesiastica sepultura sepeliendum. Item lego quinque libras ceræ in duobus cereis conficiendas circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ comburendis. Capellano parochiali Sancti Olavi in suburbiis Eboraci xij d. Utrique duorum capellanorum ejusdem ecclesiæ in exequiis meis et missa existenti iiij d. Clerico parochiali ejusdem ecclesiæ iiij d. Subclerico ejusdem ecclesiæ ij d. Inter parvos pueros ejusdem ecclesiæ superpellicia portantes iiij d. equaliter distribuendos. Lego fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ Sancti Olavi xij d. Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ

Cath. Ebor. xij d. Item volo ordino et dispono quod sub certis modis et condicionibus inferius specificatis nonulla ornamenta ac res bonaque utensilia mea quæ in cedula huic presenti testamento meo annexa plenius expressantur integre remaneant in capella ecclesiæ B. Mariæ predictæ et in custodia domini Willelmi Burgh capellani quamdiu ipsius capellæ capellanus fuerit. Ita quod idem dominus Willelmus ea de supradictis ornamentis rebus et bonis quæ ad honorem Dei et cultum Divinum ac duorum altarium ipsius capellæ ornatum et ejusdem capellæ decus destinavi ad illum usum duntaxat applicet temporibus oportunis. Reliqua vero de eisdem bonis, rebus et utensilibus quæ (*sic*) michi privatus uti consuevi ad ipsius quoque domini Willelmi privatum usum juxta suum arbitrium toto suo tempore disponantur; Proviso omnino quod idem dominus Willelmus circa indempnitatem ornamentorum rerumque bonorum et utensilium supradictorum suo tempore custodiam adhibeat diligentem. Item volo et ordino quod post obitum dicti domini Willelmi vel post ipsius discessum a capella memorata, supradicta ornamenta res bona et utensilia imperpetuum integre remaneant Capellæ B. Mariæ Magd. supradictæ et custodiæ capellanorum ipsius capellæ de tempore in tempus futurorum ad usum superius annotatum convertenda. Ita quod quilibet capellanus, successor dicti domini Willelmi Burgh in dicta capella, ornamenta res bona et utensilia memorata ad manus officialis Curiæ Eboracensis ac subthesaurarii ecclesiæ Ebor. et sacristæ Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ Ebor. pro tempore existenti, vel eorum deputatorum, per cedulam inter eos indentatam et eorum sigillis alternatim sigillatam recipiat, quodque eisdem officiali, subthesaurario ac sacristæ super deliberacione ornamentorum rerum bonorum et utensilium predictorum ydoneam caucionem et sufficientem securitatem per ipsos approbandas de indempnitate dictorum ornamentorum rerum bonorum et utensilium suo tempore prestanda atque de eisdem ornamentis—post ipsius mortem seu discessum a capella predicta prefatis officiali—vel eorum deputatis integre reliberandis exhibere fideliter teneantur. Et si contingat in futurum, quod absit, dictam capellam B. Mar. Magd. per septennium continuum capellano destitui extunc omnia ornamenta—integre do et lego altari B. Mar. Magd. in ecclesia Conventuali Fratrum Predicatorum Ebor. ad honorem Dei et Divini cultus augmentum atque ornatum et usum ejusdem altaris inibi perpetuo remansura. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum in hoc testamento meo non legata do et lego executoribus meis ad disponendum inde pro salute animæ meæ prout eis melius videbitur expedire. Hujus autem testamenti mei facio et ordino Johannem Apilton clericum et dominum Willelmum Burgh capellanum executores meos ad omnia premissa fideliter perimplenda. Dat. Eboraci die et anno Domini supradictis.

In Primis unum Missale. Item unus calix argenteus et deauratus. Item unum Portiforium. Item unum Psalterium feriatum. Item unum Psalterium cum Placebo et Dirige, Commendac' cum vij. Psalmis Penitencialibus in eodem contentis. Item unus liber vocatus Gracia Dei et de Vitis Patrum in Anglico scriptus in pergameno. Item unum crucifixum de cupro deaurato. Item una pixis lignea cum quantitate capillorum Beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ in eadem inclusa. Item una alia pixis cum joynt Sancti Laurencii in eadem incluso. Item una quantitas capillorum Sanctæ Cithæ virginis in birall inclusa posito super lignum cum j. crucifixo argenteo et deaurato in capite dictæ birall posito. Item una ymago beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ in ligno formata et deaurata. Item una alia ymago Sancti Maximini episcopi. Itam una ymago Sancti Nicholai, una ymago Sancti Johannis Evangelistæ, una ymago Sancti Moises, una ymago Sanctarum Annæ et Elizabethæ, Sanctæ Annæ, Beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Christofori situat' ex utraque parte ymaginis beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ. Item una ymago Beatæ Mariæ Virginis de lapide formata cum suo filio lactante super mamilla dextra. Item unus pannus steyned de resurrectione Domini. Item unus alius pannus lineus steyned cum Veronica cum ij. rediles de panno lineo steyned cum literis rubeis scilicet I H S interius et exterius. Item iiij. panni linei cum crucibus in rubeo bokasyn operati. Item j. par ridels de rubeo tarteryno et viridi. Item iiij. peciæ de light blew and sade blew operatæ. Item una Trinitas de alabastro facta. Item j. ymago Beatæ Mariæ de Pietate in alabastro facta. Item una ymago Beatæ Annæ in alabastro facta. Item una ymago Beatæ Cithæ virginis in ligno facta. Item una ymago Beatæ Marthæ in ligno facta. Item xij. alter clothes. Item iij. panni cum ymaginibus crucifixi et agnellis et sacratis et stellis operatis in eisdem. Item iiij. peciæ panni albi et blodii cum una pecia panni rubei super dictas iiij. pecias panni suta. Item j. armariolum cum literis sculptis in eodem. Item j. cista ferro ligata cum una ligatura ferri et j. hyng lok ad eandem cistam pertinentem. Item v. vestimenta debilia. Item vj. sanaps. Item iiij. mappæ mensales. Item *(blank)* tuelles. Item unum par lodicium. Item ij. paria linthiaminum. Item iij. coddes. Item j. lectus de murray cum tapeta ejusdem coloris. Item j. lectus de blodio cum quercubus in eodem operatis. Item ij. coopertoria de rubio sago portantia arma domini Ricardi le Scrop et claves Sancti Petri* super eadem operata. Item unus pannus steyned de Sancta Trinitate, Johanne Evangelista et Johanne Baptista. Item una olla ærea magna. Item ij. superaltaria. Item j. tabula mensalis cum j. par tristellorum. Item una tabula plicabilis. Item duæ cathedræ.

* The arms of Archbishop Scrope, impaled with those of the see of York.

Item una pelvis cum lavacro. Item una craticula. Item unum magnum veru cum j. cobyryn. Item j. tripos ferri cum quatuor pedibus. Item j. cobyren. Item j. cista ferro ligata. Item unum gardevyant. Hiis testibus Roberto Bugtrott, Ricardo Kirkby personis in eccles. Cath. Ebor., Thoma Laverok ejusdem eccles. vicario, Willelmo Mortimer et aliis. [*Prob.* 24 *July*, 1451.]

CXVII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI BYRDSAY DE HULL.

Aug. xx. Mcccc.lj. Ego Robertus Birdsay de Kyngeston super Hull—sepeliendum in capella S. Mariæ de K. juxta sepulcrum Johannis Kyghley* quondam magistri mei. Lego fabricæ ejusdem capellæ j. fridkyn mellis—Lego Thomæ Brandelyng, consanguineo meo, iiij. barells de osmundes and j. fudir plumbi.

CXVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ DE LA RYVER ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo quinto die mensis Julii, Anno Domini Millesimo cccc.lj. Ego Thomas de la Ryver,† dominus de Brandesby—corpus sepeliendum in eccles. par. de Brandesby—volo et ordino unum capellanum ad celebrandum divina pro salute animæ mea per unum annum integrum. Willelmo de la River fratri duos boves et duas vaccas. Dominæ Margaretæ‡ sorori meæ vaccam. Ricardo § filiæ meo et uxori suæ duas ollas

* He was laid there about six months before the date of the present will. In 1459, James Kighley, a merchant of Calais, died, leaving Richard Wenslaw, Esq., his brother Sir Richard Kighley, Vicar of Mitford, in the diocese of Durham, and Alan Bird, of Newcastle-upon-Tyne, his executors.

† Thomas De la River, of Brandesby, in Bulmershire, the head of an ancient Yorkshire family. Of its early history there has been but little ascertained: the following will however adds materially to the information which we possess. Elizabeth De la River, of Brandesby, the testator's grandmother, made her will on the 10th of February, 1404-5, in which she desires to be buried at Brandesby. To Marmaduke her son she leaves a silver cup with a cover. To Thomas her son she bequeaths another silver cup. She mentions Elizabeth, her son Marmaduke's wife, and Catherine his daughter, and she leaves to Sibil Cannsfeld a ring of gold, with a sapphire. The testator appears to have married a daughter of the house of Monkton, and he left by her several children. His son Richard did not long survive him, and I give some extracts from his will. John De la River, who seems to have been a younger son of the testator, carried on the family. By his will, dated "quarto nonas Aprilis, 1468," and proved in the month of August in the same year, he directs his body to be buried in the chancel of the church of Brandesby. He leaves to his son Brian the lands which William De la River, his (the testator's) uncle, holds for his life. He also mentions his wife Elizabeth, his children, and his son Robert, and he makes Thomas Witham his supervisor. Marmaduke De la River, his son, whose will is dated in 1484, heads the pedigree of the family in the visitation of 1584.

‡ Dame Margaret De la River, the testator's sister, was at this time a nun at Clementhorp, near York, and she afterwards became Prioress of that house.

§ Richard de la River, Esq., makes his will on the festival of the Assumption of the

æreas, duo vasa plumbea, unam pelvim laton, optimam cistam meam, unum magnum fatt, et unum porr ferri. Elizabethæ Awnger unam equam cum pullo sugente, coloris badii. Johanni Fell servienti mea unam vaccam. Johanni Hoode iij s. iiij d. Thomæ Coveryngham iij s. iiij d. Thomæ Dobson iij s. iiij d. Thomæ Coke iij s. iiij d. Aliciæ Darell iij s. iiij d. Elenæ famulæ meæ iij s. iiij d.—Elizabethæ * uxori meæ medietatem omnium bonorum. Executores Elizabetha uxor mea, Thomas Witham, Will. De la Ryver, Tho. Maners, Johannes Monkton,† Thomas Monkton, et Dom. Hugo vicarius de Braferton. [*Prob.* 2 *Sept.* 1451.]

CXIX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS GALBY, FISHER.

Sept. xxviij. Mcccc.lj. Ego Johannes Galby—sepeliendum in eccles. mea par. Michaelis juxta pontem Use—Lego pro j. secta vestimentorum blodii coloris iij s. iiij d.—Lego vj s. viiij d. ad custodiendum in manibus Roberti Walton ad reddendum annuatim capellano parochiali eccles. predict. pro reputacione et memoria nominis mei et uxoris meæ in pulpito iiij d. per spacium xx. annorum.

CXX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ MARGARETÆ LA ZOUCH.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 6 Oct. 1449. Ego Margareta‡ nuper uxor domini mei Johannis la Zouche militis, in sana et integra memoria, cernens periculum mortis imminere, condo testamentum

Blessed Virgin, 1455. He desires to be buried in a certain chapel, situated within the parish church of Brandesby, which was newly built by Thomas De la River his father. He leaves to his most dear consort Alianor the share of his goods which reasonably belongs to her. To his brother John, a counter, a large pair of iron andirons, and all the implements which belong to him as heir-looms. To dame Margaret De la River, his aunt, a nun at Clementhorpe, 20*s*. He also desires that, after the payment of his debts, a priest may be found to pray for his soul, in the said chapel, during one year. He appoints as his executors his uncles John and Wm. De la River, and Sir Wm. Wyvill, parson of Dalby, Sir Alexander Neville, and Thomas Witham are his supervisors. [*Pr.* 29 *Aug. seq.*]

* Elizabeth, the widow of the testator, died in 1454. She was then residing with her sister-in-law in the nunnery of Clementhorp. Her will occurs shortly.

† Of the parish of Hinderwell, near Scarborough. His will is dated in 1464; and some notices of his family will be appended to it.

‡ Margaret, daughter and co-heir of John de Burgh, of Kirtlington, co. Notts, became the wife of Sir John De la Zouch, a younger son of William Lord Zouch, of Totness. By him she left an only child, Elizabeth De la Zouch, who married Sir Nicholas Bowett, of Ripingale, the father by her of two daughters and co-heirs, both of whom married into the family of Chaworth. After the death of her first husband, Lady De la Zouch became the second wife of Sir John Loudham, of Loudham, co. Notts, but she had no children by him. The codicil, which is appended to the will, contains the settlement of the estates of the testatrix.

meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et Beatæ Mariæ Virgini ac Omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum in ecclesia Collegiata Beatæ Mariæ Suthwell juxta tumulum sive sepulcrum dicti domini nuper viri mei sepeliendum. Item lego optimum animal meum nomine principalis mei, et volo quod hercia mea fiat secundum voluntatem et discrecionem executorum meorum. Item lego xij. torticios ad comburendum circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ, quos xij. pauperes homines, togis et capuciis, de albo panno laneo ex costagiis et sumptibus meis induti, teneant, quorum quilibet predictorum pauperum ultra togam et capicium suum habeant sex denarios. Item lego cuilibet sacerdoti predicti Collegii qui exequiis meis interesse contigerit xij d. Item cuilibet fratri presbitero qui interesse eisdem contigerit xij d. Et cuilibet alteri sacerdoti qui eisdem obsequiis interesse contigerit iiij d. Et cuilibet clerico ibidem servienti ij d. Executores ordino Ricardum Byngham* Justiciarium Domini Regis et Willelmum Grave canonicum ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Beatæ Mariæ Suthwell. Et Johannem Cardinalem et Archiepiscopum Ebor., Nicholaum Fitzwilliam,† Ricardum Sutton‡ et Thomam Wombewell armigeros, supervisores.

Codicillus ejusdem.—This is the last will of me dame Margaret late the wyff of my lord Sir John Zouch knight, late of Kirtlyngton, now dede, whoos soule God assoile, made the vj day of Octobr the yere of our Lord a M^{l}.cccc^{mo}.xlv. and the yere of the reigne of kyng Harry sext after the conquest xxviij., for the disposicion of my landes and tenementes, goodes and catellis ; of the which landes and tenementes certeyn feffe$\overline{z}$ arn seysed by fines arraised in the kynges court by twene the said Sir John and me and the said feffes. First, I beseche and require the said feffe$\overline{z}$ that they graunt by dede unto Robert Burne my cosyn a

* Sir Richard Bingham, a very eminent lawyer, was a Justice of the King's Bench. He was much concerned in all the legal proceedings in his native county. He married Margaret, relict of Sir Hugh Willoughby, of Wollaton, by whom he had many children.

† A younger son of Sir John Fitzwilliam, of Sprotborough, and the founder of the family of Fitzwilliam, of Adwick. He is said to have married Margery, daughter and co heir of John Tansley, of Tansley, co. Notts. In 1459 he had a license from the Archbishop of York to make an oratory in his house at Adwick. He must have died soon after this, as the same register contains a commission, dated on the 29th of August, in the following year, to veil Margery, widow of Nicholas Fitzwilliam. And on the 2nd of July, 1474, dame Margery Fitzwilliam, of Atwyk, widow, makes her will, which was proved at York on the 3rd of November, in the same year. She desires to be buried in the chancel of the church of St. Lawrence, at Adwick, before the image of St. Lawrence. For her mortuary, she leaves a horse of the value of 40*s*., with her saddle and bridle. She also gives the sum of 100 marks to be spent in services for her soul within the chapel of the Church of St. Lawrence, by William Gilliott, chaplain, at the discretion of John Fitzwilliam her son.

‡ Of Averham, co. Notts, Esq. His wife was a Fitzwilliam of Aldwark. The will of Thomas Wombwell, Esq. the remaining executor, occurs almost immediately.

annuall rent of xxvj s. viij d. yerly, to be taken att iiij. tymes in the yere of the maner of Bolton, terme of his lif, with a clause of distresse in the same dede for the said rent. Also I beseche and require the said feffe3 that thei of the issues and profettis of al the maners and lande3 and tenementes that thei ar enfeffed in be my seid Lord and me to our use, the maners of Wyldethorp and xl s. of rent in Misthorp only except, suffur our executors to to pay to Johanne Boteler a c s. of silver; and that thei of the issues and profittes of the maners of Bolton upon Derne and Barneburgh to fynd iij. able prestis in the Monasterie of oure Lady Seynt Marie of Suthwell to do their divine service in a chapell of Saynt Petir where the body of my seid Lord lie3, for the saules of my said Lord and myne and the saules of our auncestres and frinde3 and all Cristen soule3, duryng viij. yeres next aftur my deth folowyng. Also I beseche my seid feffes that certeyn land which my seid lord toke fro Meth Chaunterie of Bolton aforesaid may be restored to the prest, and the patronage therof also to be restored to the heires of Annesleys, yf Richard Byngham, Nicholas Fitzwilliam and Thomas Nevill, or to of theym, semen that the title of the seid heirs be gode yerto. And I beseche my seid feffe3 that they nor noon of theym sue, vexe ne perturbe the title nor the possession of William Dedik and Johanne his wif, in no maner wise, for the maner of Wildethorpe, and xl s. of rent in Mensthorp, nor of noo parcell of theym, duryng the lyves of the said William and Johanne, nor that thei be not impeched of waste. And yf it so shal happyn that the heirs of my seid Lord recovere the maners lande3 and tenementes that wern my said Lord, I requyre and pray the feffes that arn enfeffed in tho landis maners and tenementes of myn inheritannce, that of the issues and profittes of theym my seid will be performed, for they arn all fee symple, but if it be the maner of Kirklyngton, the which is to me unknowyn, And if so be that it be tayled, I beseche my feffe3 to suffre my heirs to take the proffittes yerof and performe my will of the remenanct of my landes. Also I require my seid feffes, that after this my wille performed, that they make a state of the maner of Kirklyngton unto Elizabeth Chaworth, oon of myn heires, and the heires of her body begoten, for defaute of such issue ye rem' y'of to Margarete sister to the seid Elizabeth and oy' of myn heirs and the heirs of her body begotyn, for defaute of such issue ye rem. y'of to ye right heirs of Sir John Burgh knyght and their heirs for evermore. And in recompensacion herof I beseche my said feffe3 to make in a semblably wise a state to ye seid Margarete sister to Elizabeth, of other lande3 and tenementes in the value of the maner of Kirklyngton, the rem' thereof to the seid Elizabethe in

maner and forme above to Margaret; the rem' thereof to the right heirs of the seid Sir John Burgh. And after such estate made to the said Elizabeth and Margarete, I beseche my said feffes that all other maners landes and tenementes in the which thei arn infeffid or stand seisid to my use may be evenly departed, and estate severally to be made to the said Elizabeth and Margarete in tayle, and the rem' thereof as is aboven writen. And I beseche and charge my seid feffes that thei nor noon of theym sue vexe nor distroble the title nor the possession of my welbeloved servannt Richard Tikhill, in noo maner wise, of the annuite of xl s. in Barneburgh aforesaid, granted to the seid Richard, terme of his lyfe. I bequeth to Elizabeth Chaworth,* doghter to Elizabeth my doghter, my best Primer, a Franssh boke, a devise of gold, a girdill of purpull silk harnest with golde, a borde cloth, ij. draght twoels of a suet of Parissh werke, my best peir shetys, a cofur of evere bounden with selver and over gilt, and a fair sprews cofur. Item I bequeth to Margarete Chaworth† sister to the seid Elizabeth, a blewe girdil of silk chekkidwerk harnest with silver and gilt, a sprews cofur that sum tyme was my said Lordes my husband, a bord cloth, ij. draght towels next best aforesaid bequethed. Item I bequeth to William Dedik a peir of awbur bedis. Item I bequeth to Johanne Dedik all the bed in the chapell chambr with the testur, selur, curtyn and custurs of the same chaumbr of stayned werk, and a chair that I had of the parson of Hokurton, a cupe of silver coverd that my Lord used most to drinke of with a lowe fote, the which cupe I have deliverd to her. Item I bequeth to Robert Burne a coverled and a testur of a suyt, a peir of blanketts, ij. peir of gentilmenshets and a gode matres. Item I bequeth to Johanne Boteler a coverled, a testur, a pair of blanketts, a pair of gentilmenshets and a matres, a cs. declared in the will above. Item I bequeth all the remenant of my beddyng to my pore and nedy servannts to be departed among theym by th' avise and discression of myn executors, all my hyngyng beddes and iij. matres only except. Item I bequeth to Johanne Knyston if she abide with me to my deth all my kerchieffs and array that longes to my hede. Item I have geven

* Elizabeth, one of the two daughters and co-heirs of Sir Nicholas Bowett, of Ripingale, and granddaughter to the testatrix, was the wife of Sir William Chaworth, who had by her two children. After Sir William's death she remarried John Dynham, Esq.

† Margaret Bowett, the sister of Elizabeth, married John, a younger brother of Sir William Chaworth. He had by her an only son Thomas, who died without issue, 25th Dec., 2 Henry VII. John Chaworth, who lived at Kirtlington, makes his will there, Nov. 8, 1462, which was proved at York on the 14th of January following. Margaret his wife is the residuary legatee, and Richard Willoughby, Esq., Thomas Alestre gent. William Goland rector of Hokerton, and Richard Page are the executors appointed in his will.

to Thomas Nevile of Darlton my fair gret Sawter. Item I have bequeth to the Priour and Covent of Bradsall parke to do myn obbet in the seid Prorie immediately after my deth and for the saule of my Lord xx s. Item I bequeth to the Abbot and Covent of Rufford to do an obbet for my Lordes saule and for myn saule vj s. viij d. Item to Priour and Covent of Bevall for an obbet in semblable wise vj s. viij d. Item to Priour and Convent of Neustede in semblable wise vj s. viij d. Item to the Freres Minors of Notingham for a semblable obet vj s. viij d. Item I bequeth a box of silver the which hynges in my chapell to ye chirch of Kyrklyngton y^t^ God Almyghty in ye forme of bred may lie in over ye high auter in the same chirche. Also I bequeth to Sir John Leysyng iij. of my best silver spones. Also to Sir William, parson of ye chirch of Hokirton, iij. silver spones next to ye best. Also I bequeth to Richard Tikil ij. silver spones. Also to Johanne Botèler, yonger, a matres, a pair shetis and a pair blanketts. Item I will that all the ledes in forme within my place stand still, to the use of the seid Elizabeth myn heir. Item I will that (if) my bequest may not be performed of my meveable godes that it be performed of the issue and profitts of my landez and tenements. And I beseche and charge my seid feffes that yf myn said heirs or any of theym will lett or disturbe this my will in any part thereof that thei shall sell als moche of my landez of fee symple as may performe my seid will, and the heirs or heir that letts it shall have so moche losse of the said maners landez and tenementes in their part in the particion makyng as shall happyn to be sold for the performing of my seid will. Also I will that ich of my executors have for his labor v marc. In witness of al the premisses, people beyng present, I have put to my seal. Writen day and place aforsaid. Also I bequeth to Richard Byngham Justice the best standyng cup covered that I have. [*Prob.* 2 *Dec.* 1451. *Adm. Ricardo Byngham uni Justiciariorum Domini nostri Regis, domino Willelmo Grave coexecutore suo viam universæ carnis ingresso.*]

CXXI. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI PATRYNGTON DE BEVERLACO.

Jan. xj. M.cccc.lj. Ego Ricardus Patryngton de Beverlaco mercator—sepel. in ecclesia sive capella B. Mar. Virg.—Lego ad facturam sive constructionem de lez crosse yles ejusdem ecclesiæ de novo construendas, ita quod hujusmodi opus infra tres annos proxime et immediate sequentes obitum meum inceptum sit sive finitum, x. libras argenti. Et si magistri sive custodes dictæ fabricæ infra predictos tres annos predictas crosse ylez non

faciant fieri, tum volo quod dictæ x. libræ pauperibus distribuantur —Lego ad reparacionem omnium ornamentorum summi altaris et librorum eccles. par. de Patryngton xij l.

CXXII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS CONSTABLE MILITIS NUPER DE HOLDERNES.

In nomine Summæ et Individuæ Trinitatis, Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Vicesimo tercio die mensis Novembris, Anno Domini Millesimo cccc. quadragesimo nono. Ego Johannes Constable,* miles, licet diræ mortis morsum michi senciens graviter imminere, sanæ tamen et bonæ memoriæ existens ac omnes (*sic*) hujus caduci seculi penitus spernens et relinquens, testamentum meum condere censui in hunc modum. In primis lego et commendo animam meam gloriosissimæ Trinitati ejusque infinitæ misericordiæ, Beatissimæ Virgini Mariæ et Omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ in ecclesia parochiali de Halsham sub lapide marmoreo, videlicet in capella ibidem ubi progenitores mei suam habent sepulturam. Et lego nomine mortuarii mei prout moris est. Matildi filiæ meæ ducentas libras usualis monetæ Angliæ ad maritagium suum, sub condicione quod de porcione sua bonorum meorum sibi de jure accidente sic contenta existat et non aliter. Elizabethæ Seynct Quyntyn filiæ meæ unam peciam argenteam secundum discrecionem Johannis† filii et executoris mei subscripti. Agneti filiæ meæ

* Sir John Constable, of Halsham, in Holderness, the head of one of the most powerful branches of the great house of Constable, married Margaret, daughter and co-heir of Sir Thomas Umfreville. He had by her a son, Sir John, and three daughters; Agnes, who married —— St. Quintin, and afterwards Sir William Skipwith, Elizabeth the wife of Sir William St. Quintin, and Maud, who became the wife of John Routh, Esq. The will of Sir John Constable of Halsham, the father of the testator, occurs in the Testamenta Ebor. Part I. The present representative of this ancient house is Sir Clifford Constable, of Burton Constable, who, in addition to the immense estates and influence of his family, inherits some of the most gentle blood in Yorkshire.

† Sir John Constable, of Halsham, the son and heir of the testator, made his will nuncupatively on the 20th of December, 1472, which was proved 18th March, 1477. He orders his body to be buried in the church of Halsham, and two of his best horses to be given to the churches of Swine and Halsham for his mortuary. The residue of his goods he left to John, his son and heir, whom, together with Elen his wife, and John Dalkyn, he made his executors. At the making of the will he was "corporis ægritudine depressus." To the will is appended a long settlement, in English, which was written at Burton Constable May 20, 1469. It refers to lands in West Halsham, Dodington, Corneryngton, Rihill, in Holdernes, and Mawneby and Thirnetoft, in Richmondshire. The feoffees are Richard Fitzhugh, son and heir to Henry Lord Fitzhugh, Robert Graistok, son and heir to Rawfe Lord of Graistok, Majori Melton, William Skipwith knyght, Robert Rither knyght, John Melton esquyer, William Sprotlay, parson of the kirke of Sprotlay, John Dalkyn and Robert Ingram, of Otrynghan In this document the names of Ralph, William, John, Jonet, Margaret, and Isabel, his children, are mentioned, and he directs that "Jonett, my doughter,

unam peciam argenteam secundum ejusdem Johannis filii mei discrecionem. Predictæ Matildi filiæ meæ unam peciam argenteam ad voluntatem ipsius Johannis filii mei. Item volo quod unus capellanus ydoneus ordinetur et habeat salarium competens de bonis meis ad celebrandum pro anima mea et anima Margaretæ consortis meæ ac animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum in capella predicta per quatuor annos mortem meam immediate sequentes. Item volo et onero predictum Johannem filium et executorem meum in visceribus Jhesu Christi quod sic remuneret omnes et singulos familiares servientes meos, viz. quemlibet in suo gradu et secundum tempus servicii sui michi impensi, ut causam et materiam habeant intime orandi pro anima mea et suum servicium effectualiter teneant remuneratum. Item volo quod omnes tenentes mei in Halsham, Constable Burton, Newton, Marton, Thurlesthorp, Dudyndon, Mawneby, Thirnetofte, et Kirkby-under-knolle exonerentur cum bonis meis de prima parte medietatis quindecimæ per laicos concessæ Domino Regi, viz. pro termino S. Martini ultimo preterito. Item moneo et exortor Johannem filium et heredem meum, prout coram Altissimo in die Judicii, ubi omnia nuda et aperta erunt, respondere voluerit, quatenus quocicius fieri potest plenarie solvat omnia debita mea. Quibus integraliter satisfactis, residuum do et lego ejusdem Johannis disposicioni, quem ordino executorem meum. Hiis testibus, domino Willelmo Sprotely rectore de Sproteley, Thoma Dysney, Thoma Constable juniore, Briano Constable, Johanne Boswell domicellis, Thoma Halton et aliis. [*Prob.* 17 *Jan.* 1451.]

CXXIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS ROOS DE ROUTH.

In Dei nomine, Amen. In festo S. Martini A.D. M.cccc.lj. Ego Johannes Roos* de Routh, armiger—sepeliend. in ecclesia Omn. Sanct. de Routh. Lego optimum averium meum pro mortuario. Lego v. libras ceræ—Ceciliæ uxori meæ omnia et singula utensilia domus meæ infra manerium meum de Routh, viz. in aula, cameris, promptuario, coquina, et in omnibus aliis domibus meis infra predictum manerium meum. Willelmo Roos, filio meo et heredi, optimam meam togam de violet furratam cum pellibus martrinis. Iviloni filio meo unam togam meam de murray furratam cum pellibus martrinis. Lego Elizabethæ

be made a woman of religion." Sir John, in the pedigree of his family, is said to have married Lora, daughter of Henry Lord Fitzhugh.

* A family of some consideration at Routh, in Holderness. On the 26th of March, 1461, Thomas Roose, of Routh, Esq. makes his will, in which he appoints as his executors his wife Margaret and John his son, "et volo quod Johannes filius meus et heres predilectissimus quanto tempore parvulus est sit sub gubernatione matris suæ."

Newton, famulæ meæ, vj s. viij d. Lego Agneti Smyth, famulæ meæ, iij s. iiij d. Willelmo Randalle, famulo meo, vj. marcas. Roberto Thomson de Routh xx s. Fratribus Pred. Beverlac. iij s. iiij d. Abbati et Conventui de Melsa iij s. iiij d. [*Prob.* 18 *Ap.* 1452.]

CXXIV. TESTAMENTUM JACOBI FLOURE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. A.D. M.CCCC.lij. Ego Jacobus Floure, armiger—sepel. ante altare B. Virg. Mar. in Eccles. Cath. Ebor. Lego matri meæ j. annulum quod vocatur singnet, et unam cathenam de auro. Willelmo filio meo x. marcas, j. craterem argenti coopertum et vj. cocliaria argentea. Margaretæ Blenkynsope xx s. et j. lectum. Cuilibet personæ in Eccles. Cath. Ebor. et vicariis ejusdem iiij d. Cuilibet diacono iij d. Cuilibet turibulario ij d. Cuilibet choristæ j d. Johanni Mawlmer j. annulum de optimis. Elizabethæ Gray j. annulum. Nutrici alium annulum. Elizabethæ uxori Roberti fratris mei, j. par precum de pomoder. Willelmo Northfolke j. par precum de gette. Johanni Kyrkby capellano j. par precum de mistylltyn. Capellano de Brasby vj. ulnas panni linei, et j. lectum album cum pertinentiis Willelmo filio meo. Nomine mortuarii mei j. togam blodeam penulatam. Willelmo Turnour j. togam de sangwyn. Nicholao Fewlard j. togam penulatam. Residuum—domino Johanni Thornes rectori de Carleton Line. dioc. [*Prob.* 23 *June*, 1452.]

CXXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS LESCROP FILII ET HEREDIS JOHANNIS DOMINI LESCROP NUPER ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Johannes Lescrop,* filius et heres Johannis domini Lescrop, eger corpus et sanus memoriæ, die Dominica decimo septimo die Septembris, Anno Domini Millesimo CCCC. quinquagesimo secundo, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Videlicet lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et Beatæ Mariæ Virgini, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Cathedrali Sancti Petri, secundum disposicionem patris mei. Item lego rectori ecclesiæ de Kylvyngton unum palefridum, vocatum Lyard Gib et Lyerd Lounde, ac duas boves,

* Second and eldest surviving son of Sir John Scrope, fourth Baron Scrope of Masham, to whose will, which occurs hereafter, will be appended other genealogical notices of the family. The testator, who died on the following day after the date of his will, married Margaret, daughter of Thomas sixth Lord Dacre, who, with her father and mother, are mentioned in his will. He left no issue, and Thomas, his younger brother, became the next Lord Scrope of Masham.

nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego Margaretæ uxori meæ duas pecias argenti, quas emebam de Snaweshill de Eboraco. Item lego patri meo preces meas de gete. Item lego domino de Dacres curser meum, coloris gray. Item lego dominæ Lescrop duo salsaria argenti cum rosis deauratis. Item lego Thomæ fratri meo sorellum curser meum, unum par de breganders et unum launchgay cum uno batillaxe. Item lego Magistrici* sorori meæ sex cocliaria argenti de Parysh. Item lego Alexandro Twyer unam togam de cremesyn penulatam cum marters. Item lego Willelmo capellano meo Porteforeum meum, et unum librum Precum. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Kyrkby vj s. viij d. Item lego Hugoni Graye vj s. viij d. et unum equum ambulantem, coloris gray. Item lego Willelmo Torker vj s. viij d. et unum hakꝑ. Item lego Willelmo famulo brasinæ vj s. viij d. Item lego Was famulo Alexandri Twyer unam togam talarem de rosett. Residuum vero omnium bonorum et catallorum meorum, non legatorum, parti meæ contingentium, do et lego predictæ Margaretæ uxori meæ. Et ad istud testamentum fideliter exequendum facio ordino et constituo executores meos Johannem dominum Lescrop patrem meum, et Elizabetham Lescrop matrem meam, et dominum Thomam Dacres et Philippam dominam de Dacres, et Margaretam uxorem meam, ita quod pro me disponent prout eis et animæ meæ saluti pocius expediret. Hiis testibus, Roberto Twyer, Thoma Ward, Thoma Stabler, et multis aliis. [*Prob.—day not mentioned.*]

CXXVI. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HOLME.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Die Ven. prox. post Fest. Assump. B. M. V. A.D. M.cccc.lij. Robertus Holme de Gyrston in Craven, videns eminens periculum pestilenciæ inter famulos et proles suos infra domum habitacionis suæ regnantis et duos proles ejusdem Roberti interficientis, ordinavit testamentum suum in hunc modum. —Legavit Abbati et Conventui de Fontibus xl s. petri de plumbo pro absolucione. [*Prob.* 3 *Oct.* 1452.]

* In all probability, the lady who is mentioned in this respectful manner was Eleanor Scrope, the testator's sister, and the widow of Richard Darcy, Esq. son and heir of Sir John Darcy of Hirst, Knight. Her husband had just died, leaving behind him an infant son and heir, William Darcy. She passed her widowhood in her father's house, but it was not of a long duration, as she remarried William Claxton, Esq. in 1460. Sir Harris Nicolas, in his invaluable publication the Scrope and Grosvenor Roll, adds Magistrix to the pedigree of Scrope of Upsal, as a lady's name, but in this he must certainly be mistaken.

CXXVII. TESTAMENTUM ELIZABETHÆ UXORIS JOHANNIS GOWER.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo octavo die mensis Octob. A.D. M.cccc.lij. Ego Elizabetha Gower uxor Johannis Gower de Scardburgh—sep. in eccles. par. B. M. de Scardeburgh—optimam togam meam pro mortuario—Johanni Gower marito meo capitale messuagium meum in quo inhabito cum tribus tenementis eidem annexis, pro tempore vitæ suæ—unum craterem argenteum planum et dimidiam duodenam coclearium argenti, unum lectum novum de viridi cum tapeto ejusdem, unum lectum plumalem et unum par linthiaminum optimum et iij. paria linthiaminum, j. par de blanketts, unam magnam ollam de ere, j. magnum yetlyng de ere cum uno brandreth ferri et dim. dos. vasorum de pewtre garness', j. cupbord, j. mappam optimam, j. magnum plumbum optimum, unam pelvim cum j. lavacro et ij. candelabra de latton. Willelmo Forster filio meo unum ciphum murreum et dim. dos. cocliar. argenti, j. lectum de blodio worsted cum j. tapeto ejusdem cum celour et tribus cortinis de blodio, j. lectum plumalem et iij. paria linthiaminum et j. par de blanketts, j. cupbord, unam ollam de ere optimam et j. yetlyng optimum et unam pelvim, j. lavacrum et ij. candelabra de latton, j. brandreth ferri et dim. dos. vasorum de pewtre garness', j. plumbum medium, j. wortlede et j. cisternam de plumbo. Agneti filiæ meæ j. ciphum murreum, j. lectum rubium cum tapeto, ij. paria linthiaminum, j. ollam, j. yetlyng de ere, j. pelvim et. ij. candelabra de latton, j. wortled et j. tawe pro piscaria. Roberto Forster filio meo j. coverlet novum de rubio, ij. paria linthiaminum, j. par de towailles, j. cistam, j. ollam, j. yetlyng de ere, j. lavacrum, ij. candelabra de latton, j. cisternam de plumbo, j. wortled. Elizabethæ filiæ meæ j. lectum de blodio, ij. paria linthiaminum, j. mappam, j. lavacrum, ij. candelabra de latton, j. ollam, j. yetlyng de ere, j. wortled, j. coffre, j. archam, j. tawe pro piscacione. [*Prob.* 15 *Dec.* 1452.]

CXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI VAVASOUR ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini M.cccc.xlvij. Ego Henricus Vavasour* armiger—sep. in

* The chief of a very ancient and distinguished house. He was the son of Sir Henry Vavasour of Haslewood, Knight, by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir William Skipwith, Chief Justice of England. The wills of his father and mother occur in Testamenta Ebor., Vol. I. There is but little, unfortunately, known of the family of Vavasour, a family distinguished alike for its antiquity and for its princely munificence.

capella Sancti Leonardi de Hesilwod in Com. Ebor.—Residuum vero bonorum meorum do et lego Elizabethæ Seywardby sorori meæ, Willelmo Vavasour filio meo, Laurencio Kyghlay et Willelmo Milford clerico, quos facio et constituo meos executores ad disponendum pro salute animæ meæ. Testibus, Johanne Welles et Roberto Derkyn servientibus meis. Dat. apud Pontefract die et anno supradictis. [*Prob.* 15 *Jan.* 1452.]

CXXIX. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ WOMBEWELL DE WOMBEWELL ARMIGERI.

In nomine S. Trin., Amen. Quartodecimo die mensis Feb. A.D. M.cccc.lij. Ego Thomas Wombewell* de Wombewell compos mentis meæ licet egritudine corporali per mei Creatoris visitacionem potentissime premunitus—sepeliend. in ecclesia Omn. Sanctor. de Derfeld. Optimum averium meum nomine mortuarii mei.—Lego servicio Beatæ Mariæ in eadem ecclesia iij l. Fabricæ capellæ Sanctorum Jacobi et Johannis Evang. in eadem ecclesia x. marcas. Lego unum Missale quod nuper habui ab executoribus testamenti Johannis Rokley† summo altari predictæ ecclesiæ de Derfeld, ad intencionem quod illud missale quod modo ad idem altare pertinet imposterum sacerdoti ad altare predictæ capellæ Sanctorum Jacobi et Johannis Evangelistæ celebranti deserviet et pertinebit. Johannæ consorti meæ xl l., una cum omnibus jocalibus et omnibus aliis utensilibus domus quæ fuerunt ejusdem Johannæ ante disponsalia inter nos celebrata. Lego eciam eidem Johannæ octo boves et xij. vaccas cum duobus lectis pendentibus cum toto apparatu, ut curtynes, costers, bankqueres et fultris in duabus cameris usualiter existentibus, viz. in ladichaumbre et newchaumbre. Thomæ Wombewell filio meo c. marcas, unde xl l. erunt de pecunia maritagii Thomæ Preston. Et similiter lego eidem Thomæ unum lectum pendentem cum

* Thomas Wombwell of Wombwell, Esq. a gentleman of some rank and consequence, and the ancestor of a family which is still in possession of his estates. He was twice married. His first wife was (according to Mr. Hunter) Joan, a daughter of John Troutbeck. His second was Joan, daughter of Sir William Fitzwilliam. His widow did not long survive him, and her will occurs shortly. On the 12th of June, 1430, the Archbishop of York issues a licence for the marriage of Thomas Wombwell, Esq. and Joan Bosevyle. If this be the testator, some alterations in the pedigree of Wombwell are necessary.

† John Rockley, of Darfield, Esq. the head of the ancient family of Rockley of Rockley, made his will on the octaves of the feast of St. Agnes, 1451. He desires to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Mary of Wyresburgh ; and he leaves to his three daughters 46*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* which John Waren owes him for the marriage of Robert his son. Robert Rockley of Wirsburgh, Esq. his father, by his will dated on the Sunday before Christmas day, 1448, directs his body to be buried in the church of Wirsburgh. He mentions his daughter Grace and his sons Roger and John. John Rockley married Isabel, daughter of Sir John Ashton.

curtinis et costeris in camera vocata parlour chambre, simul cum omnibus aliis utensilibus et necessariis suis in duabus cameris usualiter existentibus quibus utitur. Agneti Wombwell neptæ meæ xx l. Willelmo Carter capellano meo xl s. Sustentacioni et reparacioni calceti viæ ducentis a villa de Wombewell usque Derfeld xx s. Capellæ B. Mariæ de Wombwell xiij s. iiij d. Cuilibet domui Fratrum subscriptorum viz. domui S. Augustini de Tikhill, domibus Fratrum Minorum et Carmelitarum de Doncastre et domui Fratrum Predicatorum de Pontefracto xiij s. iiij d. Item lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes die sepulturæ meæ v. marcas. Cuilibet quinque viduarum pauperum in elemosinario meo juxta capellam existenti vj s. viij d. Johanni Wombwell bastardo xiij s. iiij d. Cuilibet servientium meorum subscriptorum, viz. Johanni Wadelove, Johanni Scameden, Roberto Marshall et Thomæ Carlhill xiij s. iiij d. Cuilibet servientium meorum subscriptorum, viz. Thomæ Spark, Johannæ Mane, Aliciæ Spark, Roberto Grene, Willelmo Sandall, Johanni Clerk et Roberto Dyghton iij s. iiij d. Roberto Derley xiij s. iiij d. Johanni Wombewell* filio meo iiij. juga boum et eciam ornamenta capellæ meæ una cum calice et libris et aliis vestimentis eidem capellæ pertinentibus. Similiter lego eidem Johanni omnia dorsoria, banqueras et omnia alia necessaria aulæ meæ, simul cum dimidia parte omnium vasorum et instrumentorum coquinæ meæ et dimidia parte omnium vasorum et instrumentorum pandoxatorii mei. Lego eciam eidem Johanni filio meo totum lectum meum cum toto apparatu in camera mea propria quam occupo, una cum integro lecto pendente cum costeris et banqueris et toto apparatu in camera vocata Heghtour, et eciam cum costeris et banquers et toto apparatu in parloria. Et eundem Johannem filium meum, in quo præ ceteris specialiter confido, ac Johannam uxorem meam, Johannem Bosville rectorem de Derfeld et Thomam Wombewell facio executores meos—ut disponant pro salute animæ meæ. [*Prob.* 14 *Mar.* 1452.]

CXXX. TESTAMENTUM ELENÆ FULFORD DE RYPON.

20 July, 1453. Elena Fulford—sep. in cem. eccl. B. Wilfridi Ripon. Johannæ Thakwra j. cofre cum jocalibus in eadem et le

* John Wombwell, Esq., the son and heir of the testator, married Elizabeth, daughter of John Bosvile of Ordsley. By his will, dated on the 15th of June, 1481, and proved at York on the 31st of July, 1487, he desires to be buried in the church of Darfield. To Roger Wombwell he leaves a missal, a chalice of silver gilt, "duo philatoria et deosculatorium," with all the other ornaments of his chapel. John Wombwell his son is his residuary legatee, and among the witnesses of his will occur the names of Hugh Wombwell, gen., Oliver Crofte, Vicar of Darfield, and Richard Hopkynson, Vicar of Bolton.

furfillingthred, crule3 et suyngthred. Johannæ Grafton j. rakand. Margaretæ Grafton j. whitebred et j. cocliar. de argento. Feretro Beati Wilfridi unum annulum de auro cum scriptura de **Bone Cure.** Uxori David Payntor de Ebor. unum annulum de auro cum j. ymagine Sanctæ Elenæ enamaled. Johannæ Thakwra j. faudencopstole et j. bofetstole et totum cerecum cum filo aureo.

CXXXI. TESTAMENTUM ROGERI WARD MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. M^d^ y^t^ I Roger Warde,* knyght, in hole mynd, ye xix day of ye moneth of Marce, ye yere of our Lord M.cccc.lij. make my testament in y^is^ maner. I will and orden Jenet† Ward my wife, Roger Ward my eldist sone and Nich. Ward my son to be my full executurs, and thay to have my gudes movable and immovable, and thay to dispose thaym for the wel of my saule and pay my dettes and to fulfyll my will ; that is to say, I bequeth my saule to God All myghty and to our Lady Sanct Mary and to ye hole compane of hevven, and my body and be beryd at ye Abbay of Esshehold in Ayredale ; and thay to fulfyll thes and all othir thynges as God and I and thay knawes, as thay will answer to God. [*Prob.* 10 *Aug.* 1453.]

* Sir Roger Warde of Givendale, near Ripon, Knight. He and his descendants were retainers under the Earls of Northumberland. His wife was a daughter of Sir Thomas Markenfield of Markenfield. I give below some extracts from her will. Roger Ward, the testator's eldest son, had a son, Sir Christopher Ward, who died on the 30th of December, 1521. He left behind him by his wife Margaret, daughter of Sir William Gascoigne of Gaukthorpe, one daughter and three granddaughters as his co-heirs. His daughter was Joan, wife of Sir Edward Musgrave of Hartley Castle, co. Westmerland, who was then of the age of 34 years. His three granddaughters were Catharine, Joan, and Clara, daughters and co-heirs of Ralph Neville, Esq. of Thornton Bridge, by his deceased daughter Anne Ward. Of these Catharine, then aged 22 years, was then the wife of Walter Strickland of Sizergh, Esq.; Joan, aged 21, was the wife of John Constable, Esq. of Burton Constable; and Clara, aged 14, was unmarried.

† Joan Lady Warde, the widow of Sir Roger Warde, senior, of Givendale, makes her will on the 14th of November, 1473, which was proved at York on the 20th of March, 1474-5. She describes herself as "in lecto egritudinis posita," and she desires to be buried within the Abbey of Esholt. To the fabric of the Collegiate Church of the Blessed Wilfrid at Ripon she gives 20*s.* To the Prioress and Convent of Esholt, to the profit of their establishment, she leaves 20*s.* and to the Nuns she bequeaths 10*s.* To the Abbey of Fountains 20*s.* To the fabric of the church of Kirkby-super-Moram 6*s.* 8*d.* To the fabric of the church of Knaresborough 6*s.* 8*d.* She then directs a jewel, called "an nowche," of gold, adorned with a precious stone, to be sold, and the money obtained for it to be given to a priest, who shall perform service for her soul, her husband's, and that of her brother Thomas Markenfield. To Christopher Warde, son of Sir Roger Warde, she gives a cup of silver with a cover called a "plane pece." For her funeral expenses she lays aside the sum of 10*l.*, and the residue of her estate she leaves to Nicholas and William Warde, her sons.

CXXXII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI GOLDYNG DE HULL.

Sept. j. M.cccc.liij. Ego Robertus Goldyng de Kyngeston super Hull—sep. in eccles. S. Mich. Archang. domus Ord. Cartus. juxta Kyngeston. Lego Priori et Conventui dictæ domus Cartus. ad fabricam unius honestæ fenestræ de frestone et vitro in capella inter capellam S. Trin. ibidem et capellam S. Hugonis quatuor libras. Et volo quod fenestra predicta fiat decenter ad minus cum tribus luminibus, in quorum medio fiat ymago B. Mar. Virg. et in alio a dextris ejusdem Virginis ymago S. Johannis Baptistæ et in alio a sinistris ymago Sancti Thomæ Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi. Et si contingat me ex hac infirmitate convalescere volo tamen quod xl s. ad minus cedant et dentur ad usum predictæ fenestræ. Et in medio sub pedibus ymaginis B. Mariæ Virg. ob memoriam mei et devocionem fiat ymago mea genuflectendo—Lego quinque nobilia quinque pauperibus virginibus ad emendum v. vaccas, postquam fuerint nuptæ, in honorem B. Mariæ Virginis. Et lego pro emendis carbonibus distribuendis in elemosina maxime egenis et pauperibus xl s. [*Prob.* 17 *Nov.* 1453.]

CXXXIII. TESTAMENTUM ALICIÆ BURGH.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo nono die mensis Julii Anno Domini M.cccc.liij. Ego Alicia Burgh* relicta Willelmi Burgh armigeri, compos mentis—sepeliend. in ecclesia Prioratus Sanctæ Trinitatis in Mekilgate in Eboraco ante capellam in honore Sancti Martini ibidem fundatam. Et lego Priori et Conventui ejusdem Prioratus pro sepultura mea ibidem fienda xl s., et volo quod expensæ meæ funerales fiant secundum voluntatem et discrecionem executorum meorum. Necnon lego ydoneo et discreto capellano pro anima mea et animabus benefactorum meorum divina celebraturo per unum annum integrum in capella predicta vij. marcas. Et lego cuilibet capellano qui intererit exequiis meis et missæ die sepulturæ meæ iiij d. Et cuilibet clerico in eadem forma interessenti ij d. Elizabethæ Aiscogh filiæ meæ unam pictam tabulam mensalem, unam capsulam pictam, unum par precularum de auro cum peerle gaudet', j. lectum, j. celur et ij. curtinas de serico, j. lectum et j. tapet de tapestre warke. Elizabethæ Aiscogh juniori unam latam zonam serici argento stipatam et deauratam. Johanni Hungate consanguineo meo, sex cocliaria argenti. Et

* A lady probably of the family of Burgh of Cowthorp. The name of Roger, however, was common to that family and to that seated at Burgh, near Catterick. There is a will of a Richard Burgh of Cowthorp in the Testamenta Eboracensia, Vol. I. No. CCL.

Willelmo Hungate fratri meo unum ciphum murreum coopertum vocatum j. nott. Rogero Burgh* filio meo unum centonem, j. par lodicum, j. par linthiaminum et j novum coopertorium. Willelmo Burgh filio meo unam peciam argenti vocatam j. boll. Fabricæ ecclesiæ Cath. S. Petri Ebor. xij d. Priorissæ et Conventui S. Clementis in suburbio Eboraci vj s. viij d. Elizabethæ Cowell j. coopertorium, j. par linthiaminum, j. togam penulatam optimam preter unam, j. subtunicam, j. coopertorium, j. par lodicum, j. par linthiaminum et in pecunia xl s. Residuum—executoribus—quos constituo Will. Cowell, Ricardum Yotton vicarium de Poklington, et Rogerum Burgh filium meum—cuilibet eorum xx s. Supervisor Will. Hungate frater meus. [*Prob.* 20 *Nov.* 1453.]

CXXXIV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ WHITE PANNARII.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo die mensis Sept. Anno Domini M.cccc.liij. Ego Thomas White de Beverlaco pannarius—sep. in ecclesia sive capella B. M. Virginis in Beverlaco ex parte australi chori juxta sepulcrum Aliciæ quondam uxoris meæ. Item lego ad fabricaturam sive constructuram de leȝ crosseyleȝ ejusdem B. M. de novo construendis vj l.—Lego xiij. pauperibus viris xiij. togas albas, xiij. capucia alba et xiij. paria sotularium, sub condicione quod ipsi xiij. pauperes simul genibus flexis circa corpus meum die sepulturæ dicant, et quilibet eorum dicat psalterium Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, et sic circa sepulcrum meum sedeant vel stent per octo dies post diem obitus mei proxime et immediate sequentes suis oracionibus intendentes ac psalterium predictum singulariter dicentes.—Dau. Isabel Crake† and Agnes Medilton her dau. Son-in-law Alexander Crake.‡ [*Prob. ult. Nov.* 1453.]

* May not this be Roger Burgh who was rector of Marston, and who made his will on the last day of December, 1457? In it he desired to be buried in the choir of Marston. He left his Portiphor to Roger Rouclyff if he should chance to become a priest. He appointed as his executors Guy Rouclyff, Joan his wife, and Brian his son.

† Isabel, wife of Alexander Creyke of Beverley. She survived her husband, by whom she had a large family; and her will, which is dated on the 22nd of May, 1480, was proved at York on the 13th of November, 1488. She desires to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary of Beverley, near the burial-place of her parents. To Thomas Creyke her son she leaves a silver piece covered, with an eagle on the cover. To her daughter Agnes Hildyard her zone of silver gilt "cum stipite nigro," and a covered cup bound with silver and gilt. To Joan wife of Thomas Creyke a pair of beads of coral. To Robert son of Thomas Creyke a silver piece which she had lately from Henry Holme and twelve silver spoons. To Anthony son of the said Thomas Creyke a silver piece. To Agnes daughter of the said Thomas Creyke a zone of silver gilt, a cup (murram) and six silver spoons. To Joan wife of Thomas Creyke a zone of silver gilt. The residue she bequeaths to Thomas her son and Agnes Hildyard her daughter.

‡ Alexander Creyke of Beverley, the ancestor of the Creykes of Marton. He made

CXXXV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ EVERYNGHAM ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo die mensis Novembris A.D. M.cccc.liij. Ego Thomas Everyngham* de Staynburgh armiger—sepeliendum ubicunque Deo placuerit. Lego optimum animal ecclesiæ parochiali de Silkeston nomine mortuarii. Lego summo altari ecclesiæ predictæ superiorem partem collobii mei de russett damask in unum vestimentum componendum ibidem pro perpetuo remansuram. Johanni Ledes capellano meo meam togam talarem de albo russet penulatam cum martes. Residuum do et lego Margaretæ uxori meæ—disponendum pro salute animæ meæ. [*Prob.* 10 *Jan.* 1453-4.]

CXXXVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNÆ LITSTER DE RODERHAM.

In Dei nomine—Decimo die mens. Octobr. A.D. M.cccc.liij. Ego Johanna relicta Roberti Litster† de Roderham—scenciens

his will at London in 1465, in which he directed his body to be buried in the church of the Friars Minors in that City, before the cross in the body of the church; if, however, he should die "in partibus vicinis patriæ" he desires to be buried in the church of the Blessed Mary at Beverley. To his daughter Margaret he gives 40 marks towards her marriage. To his son Roger Creyke he leaves lands in Beverley of the value of four marks per annum. He also mentions Thomas Creyke his son and heir and Isabella his wife.

* A family of rank and consequence, which had been seated at Stainbro', in the Deanery of Doncaster, from the reign of Henry III. It continued there until the latter part of the reign of Elizabeth, when the estate began to be gradually alienated by the Everinghams to the family of Cutler. Sir Gervase Cutler, a scion of this distinguished though short lived house, was one of the staunchest supporters of Charles I. He armed a large number of men at his own charge; he gave up the plate of his family, which was valued at 1,000*l.*, to feed the royal mint, and his estates during his lifetime and after his death were overburdened with fines and compositions. He died in Pontefract Castle in 1645. His will, which was made in 1638, when the testator was on his way to the wars in Scotland, and which was not proved till after the Restoration, is a peculiarly interesting one. It runs as follows:—

"March 23, 1638. I, Sir Gervase Cutler, of Stainburgh, Co. York, Knight, captaine and liefetenant collonell of this regiment here, beinge in my perfect good health, strengh, and memory, God be praysed, but beinge withall to goe to the warrs in Scotland, or to make defence against the Scotts, wherein yet God helpe, and then fiat Dei voluntas. To be buried in my St. James' quyre at Allhallowes churche in Silkestone. To honest Jo. Swinden 20*s.* for a memoriall ringe for me. To Tho. Benton my ayntient, true, and lo. servant for his sone Gervase use towards his education in learning at the University, if it may be, 100*l.*, and I do acquitt him of the 100*l.* for iron taken out of his keepinge at the iron workes. To every one of my servants halfe a yeare waige, but to him that goeth and serveth with my horse in the warrs for me 10*l.* To him that serveth in the warrs for me with my footearmes in the North 10*l.* I doe make my vertuous good wife my sole executrix, desiringe her care to my children, and I humbly beseeche God to blesse her and them all, and I hope Dominus providebit; and I desire my wife to use noe funerall pompe or cerimonie, but decent and Christian buryall for me onely, and noe tombe but a plaine stone with this word onely upon it, *Christo Resurgam.*"

† A family of some respectability at Rotherham. Richard Lister, the father-in-law

mortis in januis astare meque debitum non evadere naturale, ac eciam hujus seculi incumbencia pericula evitare—Lego summo altari xiij s. iiij d. Item pro reparacione et pictura magni crucifixi xiij s. iiij d. Luminari B. Mariæ iij s. iiij d. Servicio Beatæ Katerinæ iij s. iiij d. In factura scabellorum in ecclesia xiij s. iiij d. Item in pavimento ecclesiæ xiij s. iiij d. Johanni filio meo j. maser, iiij. cocliaria argenti. Ricardo filio meo j. maser, iiij. cocliaria argenti, ij. pelves cum lavacris, ij. ollas eneas, ij. patellas, dim. garnych de vasibus putr', j. lectum rubeum, ij. coverletts, j. materys, ij. blanketts, iiij. paria linthiaminum, ij. pulvinaria ornata cum serico. Roberto filio meo j. maser, iiij. cocliaria argenti, ij. pelves cum lavacris, ij. ollas eneas, ij. patellas, dim. garnych de vasibus putr', j. lectum rubeum, ij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, j. materys.—Daughters Agnes and Cath.; brother John; son Thos. [*Prob.* 10 *Jan.* 1453-4.]

CXXXVII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI GARVASII CLYFETON MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo sexto die mensis Novembris, Anno Domini Millesimo cccc. quinquagesimo tercio. Ego Garvasius Clyfeton* dominus de Hodesake, miles, compos mentis

of the testatrix, by his will dated June 12, 1442, desires to be buried in the church of Rotherham. He mentions his wife Agnes, and John, son of Robert Dolphyn, his brother. To his son William he leaves "unam sicam argentatam et unum sicar' Anglice dagger." To his son Robert (his executor) "duas vasas plumbeas tunc Anglice wodfattes." Robert Litster of Rotheram, the husband of the testatrix, makes his will 23 August, 1450, which is proved at York on November 5 in the following year. He directs his body to be buried in the chancel of the Holy Cross. To John his son he leaves "ij wadfattes, optimum mortiferum et dociam zonam." To his son Thomas he bequeaths "mortiferum feriale, unum led quod stat extra domum ferialem." To his mother he gives five marks. To his uncle Robert Dolfyn (who died in 1466) 13*s.* 4*d.* He also mentions his wife Joan and his son Robert.

* The chief of a very ancient and illustrious family. He bears the favourite name of his house, Gervase, a name which was adopted from the Cliftons by many of the Nottinghamshire families. The testator was the lineal ancestor of Sir Gervase Clifton, one of the brightest stars of the Court of Elizabeth, whose courtesy won for him the title of "Gentle Sir Gervase." His grandson, another Sir Gervase, was the husband of seven wives, and we are indebted to Thoroton the antiquary, who was his family physician, for a very pleasing character of his friend and patron. "This Gervase," says the antiquary, "was certainly more gentle than his grandfather, being generally the most noted person of his time for courtesie. He was very prosperous and beloved of all. He generously, hospitably, and charitably entertained all, from the king to the poorest beggar. He was an extraordinary kind landlord and good master. His port and hospitality exceeded very many of the nobility, and his continuance in it most men, being almost fourscore years lord of this place, of a sound body and a chearful and facetious spirit, yet in his latter time timerous, so that his latter part was miracle enough to convert an atheist, to see his Christianity so far prevail over his nature that without the least shadow of fear, unwearied with pain, grief, or sickness, he left the choicest things of this world with as great pleasure as others enjoy them. He received from me the certain notice of his near approaching death as he was wont to do an invitation of good friends to his own bowling green, one of the most pleasant

et sanæ memoriæ, Deum præ oculis habens et mortem timens, sciens nichil certius morte et nichil incertius hora mortis, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis lego animam meam Omnipotenti Deo Creatori et Redemptori meo, Beatæ Mariæ semper Virgini et Omnibus Sanctis; corpusque meum ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ coram summo altari Monasterii Beatæ Mariæ de Blida juxta sepulcrum dominæ Katerinæ Clyfeton* matris meæ. Item lego iiij. ordinibus Fratrum de Doncastria, Pontisf' et Tykhill xiij s. iiij d. inter dictas domus equaliter dividendos. Item lego ad sustentacionem unius capellani per unum annum pro anima mea celebraturi septem marcas, qui quidem capellanus in singulis missis suis durante anno predicto dicet devote pro anima mea hanc collectam *Deus qui in terra promissionis* etc. *cum Secreto* et *Post Com'* ad dictam collectam pertinentibus. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego Isabellæ† uxori meæ, ut ipsa predicta bona disponat pro salute animæ meæ prout sibi melius videbitur expedire, quam hujus testamenti mei meam facio et ordino executricem. In cujus, etc. [*Prob.* 16 *Jan.* 1453-4.]

CXXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ LYNEHOUS.

Hoc est testamentum Thomæ Lynehous nuper de Leventhorp in Clyveland qui obiit die Jovis proxime post Fest. S. Mich. Archang. M.cccc.liij. In primis legavit et commendavit animam suam Deo, corpusque suum in cimiterio eccles. par. Sanctæ Hildæ de Middelburgh sepeliendum. Legavit j. bovem nomine mortuarii. Ad sustentacionem luminum Sanctæ Crucis, B. Mariæ et

imaginable, and thereupon immediately called for his old chaplain, Mr. Robert Thirleby, to do the office of his confessor, as if it had been to attend him to that recreation he often used and loved, and when he had done with him, for his children, whom, patriarch like, he particularly blessed and admonished with the smartness and ingenuity of an excellent and well studyed orator." Sir Gervase died on the 28th of June, 1666, and was buried with all the pomp of heraldry in the choir of Southwell Minster. In his will, dated on the 2nd of October, 1662, he had directed himself to be buried in the vault near the chancel at Clifton. To his wife Lady Alice he left his coach and horses, his gold watch, and his house in St. Gyles near London, in Little Queen Street. To his son Sir Clifford Clifton he left his "gold broche haveing an aggott on one side and mother-of-pearle wrought and engraven, and my gold ring with a turcas stone in it, which was given me by my grandfather. To the right hon^ble the Marquesse of Dorchester my pretious stone, bequeathed to me by my deare and honored kinsman his father the Earl of Kingston."

* Catherine, daughter of Sir John, and sister and co-heir of Sir Hugh Cressy of Hodsock. Her first husband was Sir John Clifton, the father of the testator, who was slain at Shrewsbury. After his death she remarried Ralph Makerel. The parish church of Clifton is rich in monuments of the Cliftons, but the early memorials of that family are no longer to be found among the remains of the Abbey Church of Blyth.

† Isabella daughter of Sir Robert Francis, Knight, died on the 13th of June, 1457, and was buried in the church of Clifton.

S. Katerinæ in eccles. predict. j. jak deffence. Lumini S. Hildæ in eadem ecclesia j. togam de blodio quæ fuit Johannæ nuper uxoris suæ. Alexandro Grenacres j. togam russet, j. tunicam de russet, j tying cote, j. camisiam, j. par braccarum, j. par caligarum de russet, j. par sotularium, j. pilleum, et iij s. iiij d. argenti. Thomæ Johnson j. qu. frumenti. Cassotæ Henryson ij. qu. de ralicole. Thomæ Avelynson xx. oves matrices. Thomæ Smyth de Ormesby j. qu. ordei et x d. Luminibus S. Crucis et B. Mariæ in eccles. de Acclom xvj. d. Item disposuit et legavit j. bovem, j. qu. frumenti et j. qu. brasii pro convocacione amicorum et vicinorum suorum ad obitum suum preparanda. Residuum Johanni Wilkynson ad sustentationem sex liberorum suorum durante eorum minore etate. [*Prob.* 16 *Jan.* 1453-4.]

CXXXIX. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI CLEDERHOW NUPER DE HULL.

In Dei nomine—Apr. j. M.cccc.liiij. I William Clyderhowe of Kyngeston opon Hull, marchand, myghty of mynd and of hayll witt—I witt my sawle to God All myghty, and my body to be beryd in the kyrk of Sayntt Mary of Kyngeston opon Hull be syd my fadyr. Also I wyll that my best gown go to my cors present. To the kyrk wark for my beriall xx s. To the makyng of a presour for the capys to be kepyd in iij l. To owr Lady gyld vj s. viij d. To the parysh prest iij s. iiij d. To ylke a prest of our Lady kyrk xij d. Also to the parson of Saynt Sampson kyrk of York for fogotten tendes xiij s. iiij d. I wyll bedon for my sawle iij trentawls of ye Fadyr and Son and Holy Gost, iij. of owr Lady, and iij. of Requiem, and iij I wyll be don at Charterhows be syd Hull, and vj. at Frers. To my wyfe* halff my sylver wessell for to take at hir wyll, whilk scho lykes. Also I wyll scho have the hole howshowld as it standys. Also I witt to Ric' my son the todyr half of my sylver wessell, ij. of my best gowns next my cors presentt, my gyrdels, a cownter, a grett kyst and my holl harnes, and yf the saide Richerd dy with in age, I wyll that his partt of the sylver wessell be seld and donne for my sawle, dame Elles Essyngwald, and all our gude doers. To the Priowr of Ferybe xx s. the whilk he gate to halowyng of the kyrkgarth. I wyll that the Massyndeu at Beverley yats have iijs. iiij d. and ylk a Massyndeu in the towne aftyr, xij d. I wyll that Robert Sawnderson have the kepyng of the harnes to Ryc. my son com to age and yf he dye—Robert—to have the saide harnes

* Christiana Clederow. By her will, dated at Hull, October 4, 1468, she desires to be buried in the chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Hull, near her husband William Clederow.

to his own be howe. I wit to an honest prest for to syng for me a yere in owr Lady kyrke v l.—my wyfe and John Gower myn executores. [*Prob.* 2 *May*, 1454.]

CXL. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI HALIFAX.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Willelmus Halyfax de Notyngham, quarto die Augusti, M.cccc.liiij.—sepeliendum in ecclesia B. Mariæ Virginis. Lego nomine principalis unam vaccam.—Item lego altari ecclesiæ B. Mariæ unum Missale. Item lego j. cofer that standes by my bed syde to be sett at my cost in Saynt Mary Chapell. Item lego j. steyned cloth of white and blow that is writyn on **Soli Deo honor et gloria** to Seynt Mary auter to hynge in tyme of Lentyn before ye auter. Ponti de Hethbeth c s. Gildæ Sancti Georgii unam ollam eneam et unam patellam, unam pelvem cum lavacro counterfact'. Priori et Conventui de Newsted unam crateram coopertam. Priori et Conventui de Bevall xl s. Gildæ S. Trinitatis unam murram, unam crateram coopertam, sex coclearia, ij. pelves, ij. lavacra counterfet, optimam ollam, optimam patellam, ij. rackes, j. iren spytt. Willelmo Wright vicario B. Mar. Virg., j. coverlett, j. peyre blankettes, j. payre shetes optimas infra domum. Johanni Horcepole seniori unam togam de rede et sangueyne furred. Ecclesiæ Sancti Johannis Bapt. apud Halifax j. chesabyll of cloth of golde and silke with ye amyce and the aube, a chalys with the patent and a corporas, a coveryng of a bede with the holy lame in it. Agneti Elowe sex cocliaria, dim. dossen of peutre vessell garnysshed, a basyn and a laver counterfet, j. new hole basin, the thride potte, ye thrid panne, a coverlett, j. peyre of blanketts, j. peire shetes, ij. pelewes, a bordcloth, a peire towelles, a mete borde, a peyre trestelles that standys in the parlour, a materys, a bordbed, ij. kandlestykes, a brandyren, a peutre potte of a potell, j. peyre tonges, j. gridell, vj. quysshins of leddyr, j. cofer for korchefes, j. scarlet hode, a spruce kyst, a verguce barrell, an ale (ald?) lome, a whele, a peyr of cades, a cheyer, a axe, a peire of sheres, a hekyll, a knedyng trought, a sykhill, a persour, a kychen knife, a spite, a ladyll, a pannyer, a wyndocloth, a stone morter, a grete kyte, the croper of my wyves sadel, the wolle beme and the stoles, the testour and the selour and the curteyns of sylke, a skepe, a wyndull, a strick, a pikforke, a spade, a peire cobardes, a fire panne, a cherine, a seke, a peire pynsons. Elizabethæ Neteham the v. potte, the v. panne, a coverlett, a peire blanketts, a peire shetes, ij. pylewes, ij. sylver spones, iij. platers, iij. disshes, iij. saucers of peutre, a candelstik of lateyne, a spyn-

nyngwhele, a peyre cardes, a crosse trestell, a matras, a costerell for ale, a bordeclothe, ij. towels, an axe, a kychen knyfe, a spytt, a mylke kytt, a skeppe, a windyll, a peke, a grett arke lydles, a pikeforke, a seke. Henrico Lancok wever, a blake salett, a Karlyll axe. To the mansion of ye gyld prestes of the Trinite a coppebord, a countre, vj. bofetts of waynescote, a brasen morter, a pestell, the iren to hinge pottes on ye hokes, the grippes, ye docers, the bankers, vj. quysshins of lyons in ye parlour, and ye borden bed that I lye in, a grete stone morter, a brace potte, a ketell, a spite, a peyre of cobardes, a soo, an hyngyng laver, a gridell, a gret chaufer for mete, a candylstike with ij. floures, a peire aundyrens, an almary, a grett corne arke. Roberto Averham capellano, a fetherbed, the selour and the testour, with the curteyns and the cod at the hede, a peire of valons closed in the loker, with the weyghtes, and a peire of gold weyghtes, a hande sawe. To Margrett Jentle my sadyll, the peytrell with the bridyll and Seynt John hede, a ale botell of a potell. Willyam Joly an harnest daggar of yvery, a matras, a grett arke with a lyd, a long byll, a pikeforke, a peire gloves of plate. Thomæ Trewe a sadyll, a cuttyng sawe, a lytill hande sawe, my swerd, my bokeler, a peire of gold weyghtes, a pikeforke, a hande spade, a hode of russet and scarlet and a Carlyle axe. Aliciæ Mellours the masse fatte, the gylefate, the ledes in the fourme, ij. sylver spones. [*Prob. s. d.* 1454.]

CXLI. TESTAMENTUM ELYZABETTÆ DE LA RYVER PERHENDINATRICIS DEFUNCTÆ.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Elizabeth de la Ryver,* in my trewe and lege powste, ye xj. day of the moneth of Juli, the yere of oure Lorde Jhesu Crist M.cccc.liiij., make my testament in this maner. First, I bequeyth my sawle to Gode Almyghty and all his Sayntis, and my body to be beried before oure Lady in Saynt Clement at York. Also for my mortuare, where I hapyn for to dy, my beste mantyll furryd. Also in this testament I make myne executores my brodyr Johan Monkton sqwyer, myne vnkyll Thomas Maners sqwyer, and my son George Delaryver, y^t^ thies dispose for my saule eftyr myne entent as thay wyll awnswer before Gode at ye last day of dome. That is to say, first, I wyll that my son George have j. standyng cope of

* Widow of Thomas De la Ryver of Brandesby, Esq. whose will has but recently occurred, appended to which several notices of his family may be found. The testatrix desires to be buried in the little nunnery at Clementhorp, near York, where she was in all probability residing. A sister-in-law of hers, Dame Margaret De la Ryver, was, at that time, a nun in that small sisterhood, over which she afterwards presided.

silver coveryd with ane egill in the tope, also ane other cope of silver coveryd, and j. powdyr box of silver, and xij. sylver spones, and j. cownter of Prouse warke, and viij. payr shetis, iiij. payr of the beste and iiij payr of othir. Also j. payr bedis of corall gawditt with golde with j. rownde broch of golde at the same bedis, and ij. othir brochis of golde, ane with stonys, ane othir with hangeris of perle. Also all my pewdyr vesell. Also to the saide George my Premyr and my Roulys. Also to the saide George iij. brasse potts and iij. spettis of the best. Also j. white hinging bede with the cowrtyn, and j. blake bede with the chawmering of the same. Also to the said George iij. rede tapettes. Also I gife to my son Johan Delaryver j. pownsyd pece and j. white bede with the courtynes, j. payr shetis, j. payr blankettes and j. alde rede hawlyng. Also I gyf to my brothir John j. playne pece and j. spone of silver, and to his wife j. gowne of murray. Also I gife to dame Margarett Delarever my sister j. Sawter for terme of hir life, and after hir dissese to the house of Saynt Clement in mynde of me to be praid fore. Also to the saide Margrett j. blake mantill and j. blake gowne. Also to my sister Ezabell Auger j. payr shetis and j. payr blankets. Also to my sister Christiane j. payr shetis and j. payr blankets and j. coverlett and j. worne kyrtill of blake. Also to my syster Margrett j. blake gown. Also to my dowghter Alionore j. long kyst. Also I gyf to my onkill Thomas Maners in rememeranse of me j. broch of golde, and to my brothir John j. broch of gold, and to my brothir Thomas j. broch of gold. Also I will that myne executores ger syng messes for me with iij. prestis j. yere, and if it may nott be so, hire as it comes to be iij. yere (*sic*). Also I will that Thomas Maners and John Monkton my executores beg to maistre Thomas Richmond frere minore ane abitt of russet. Also I will that Thomas Maners and John Monkton my executores have to rewarde iiij. mark and ther cost when thai ride for my materis. And as for the residew of my gudes, I will that my executores dispose it for my sawle as thai will awnswer before Gode. Also I gife to the house of Saynt Clement of Yorke xx s. [*Prob.* 1 *Oct.* 1454.]

CXLII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI CONSTABLE NUPER DE BOSSALL ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Robert Constable,* squier, hale of mynde and wyte, makes my testament in this weyse. First

* This curious document is in all probability the composition of the testator himself, and he has given us a valuable contribution to the English of the period. The testator,

I devyse my saule to God Almyghty and to his modir Blyssid Sant Marie and to Sant Botulphe and to the holy courte of hevyn, and my body to be bered in ye quere afore ye place where my seth is, opon ye north party of my parish kirk of Bossall, afore ye hy altar; iff God vesete Johnet* my wife, when he wyll, I wil sho ly by me yare. Also I wyll that my executores gife in almuse to pure men and women at my beryenge iij l. vj s. viij d. Also I wite Robert my son and myn heyre my hole armure that longes to my selfe, for ye which I will the vicar hafe iij l. vj s. viij d. and a hors and sadell and brydell. Also I wyll yare be payd to sich men as of treuth may be funden treue detts of Sir Robert Frendes iiij l. for his saule and myn and all at he and I ar halden to. Also I witt to Robert my son viij. oxen, a wayn, a plogh, a hunge bed of blew card and thei costers yare to, a covered pece with a trele of roses opon ye coverynge and the lesse silver pote and a covered pece callyd my bolle. Also I wite Margrett my doghter a covered pece with a gilted knop of acorns leves. Also I wite my doghter Agnes a playn pece with a rose in the bothome. Also I witt my doghter Johanet a nother pece of the same sorte. Also I wytt Anne Gower xiij s. iiij d. Also I witt everee yoman in my house vj s. viij d. Also I witt everee grome and hyen iij s. iiij d.; and to the two women ather iij s. iiij d. Also I will lytill Nanne a mylke cowe. Also I wite William Thornell on of my ald gownes furred. Also I wit my most noble lord the Erle of Salesbury a gylted cop called a fate covered. Also I witte my lady Salesbury a ryng of gold with ye more diamaunt. Also I wit to a honest prest to syng for me a yere after my deth in Bossall kirk vij. marc of mone. Also I wite to Robert my son after dessese of my wyfe a golde rynge with a safer yare in and a cristall hyngyng yare by, which Anne Gower hath in kepyng, and my Portatyve which I say opon my selfe and my rede Salter, and two payre of gude shetes for my aun bed, and ye best materes after my wyfe dissese. Also I witt to Kirkby kirke in Clyveland my blew damask goun to make a

or his father, probably the latter, was a younger son of Sir Robert, and brother of Sir Marmaduke Constable of Flambrough; and he appears to have been connected with more than one great Yorkshire family. What would we now give for the journal which he carried in his sleeve! On the fourth of May, previous to the date of the present document, the testator, by a deed of gift, made over to Robert his son, and Robert Constable of Flambrough, and Beatrix his wife, all his lands in Barnby Herton, Barton, Sandhoton, and Sutton, and in Dromondby, Kirkby, Bushby, and Broughton-in-Cleveland, Sturmy Hall in Danby, and Barnby near Mulgrave, together with the rest of his goods. The testator was an officer in the Palatinate of Durham, under Bishop Neville, and held the lucrative post of Chancellor and Receiver-General, with an annual stipend of 40*l.* He was buried in the church of Bossal, with his effigy wrought in brass upon his tombstone.

* A long time elapsed before she was laid beside her lord. On the 31st July, 1488, Robert Gower of Acclome, gentleman, administers to her effects.

vestement of. Also I witt to Bossall kirke a vestement of rede cloth of gold and the awter cloth yare to of the same cloth of gold and rede cape with starnes of gold. Also to Kirkby kirke a round box of silver and gilted with a crosse opon ye led gilted fer the sacrament. Also I wite to Robert my son my new sangwyn goun and ye fure that is left yare for, alswell y^t^ furr y^t^ is left in ye damask gown as ye remanaunt y^t^ is left in my gardevyaunce of martes. Also I will y^t^ the Priour of Sant Andrews of York be agreed for ye house and land that I boght of Wyllestropp evere yere v s. sen I occupied it. Also I wyll that it be payd to Sant John of Jerlm for evere yere for Flaxton house xij d. And yf it may be puir of treuth that the chapell at the Castell mylnes of York haw to have ij s. yerly of Sandhoton, I wald than thai ware agreed for ye tyme that I have occupyed; and for alsmekyll as I garte seese Codirston lande in the lordes handes of Bottererame, I wald thai were gevyn as mych as of reson myght be boght ij s. rent with all. And I make, will, and ordan Johanet my wyfe, Robert my son, Robert Constable squier of Flaynburth myn executours to fulfill and execute this my wyll and my testament, so that thai fulfill my will above wryttyn be ye over syght of the Prior of Kirkham and Thomas Wythame,* which Prior I devyse xx s. to pray for me. Also I wyte to ye said Thomas my jornenall that I bere in my slefe dayly. Also it is my will that thei childer of George of Dale be holpen with my gudes tyll thai be of age to help thame selfe. Also I witt Robert my son the old Portos aftre dissese of my wyfe. Also I wyte to ye pure nonnes of Rosshedale vj s. viij d. Also I wyte to my doghter Beatrice vj s. viij d. Also I wyte to the chapell of Sandhoton iij s. iiij d. Also I wite to my son Pers Salvan a nouch with a emeraul with v. perle. Also I wite to Anne Gower to increse for hir gud service vj s. viij d. The resydew of my gudes I gyf to myn executores to dispose for my saule as thai will answer a fore God opon day dome. In (witnesse) to this my present wyll and testament I set to my seele with thes witnes, Sir John Alote vicar of Bossall, Sir Ric. Tod parish prest, Sir Thomas Swaynson prest, Pers Salevan gentilman, Robert Dautre gentilman, John Taliour of Whenby yoman, and many other. Geven at Barnby juxta Bossall xxv. day of moneth

* Thomas Wytham, the fortunate devisee of the diurnal of the testator, lived at Cornburgh, near Sherifhhutton, an estate which he became possessed of in right of his wife, the heiress of the family of Thweng. He was high in the favour of the Earl of Warwick, who seems to to have placed the greatest confidence in him, and his name not unfrequently occurs in the wills of the neighbouring gentry. He built a chapel in Sherifhhutton Church, in which he was interred "sub lapide marmoreo per me diu posito," which is still remaining. His will occurs hereafter, and some more particulars respecting him will then be given.

of Septembre, ye yere of kyng Henry sext aftre Conquest xxxiij. [*Prob.* 10 *Nov.* 1454.]

CXLIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ JOHANNÆ WOMBEWELL NUPER DE WHITEKIRKE VIDUÆ.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo die mensis Julii A. D. M.cccc.liiij. Ego domina Johanna Wombwell,* sanæ memoriæ —sepeliendum in ecclesia de Whitekirk infra quandam capellam constructam in honore Sanctæ Trinitatis et Johannis Baptistæ. Lego facturæ campanarum de Whitekirk xl s. Lego facturæ cujusdam domus ibidem constituendæ vocatæ le Beydhous v. marcas. Lego servicio B. Mariæ de Derfeld pertinenti quarterio vocato Wombwell quarterio xiij s. iiij d. Lego servicio B. Mar. in Ruston xiij s. iiij d. Lego servicio B. Mar. eccles. de Sandall xiij s. iiij d. Lego Priori et Fratribus de Pownfrett ad edificacionem suam xiij s. iiij d. Lego cuilibet fratri et sacerdoti ejusdem loci xij d. Lego cuilibet novyse iiij d. Lego Willelmo Scargill de Thorp armigero unum par precarum cum gawdis de auro, unum par de lodicibus de fustian, et x. marcas monetæ. Lego Willelmo Mirfeld fratri meo unum ciphum argenteum cum coopertorio, unum lectum de plumis cum le bolstir, et cum suo pylw et dawne et x. marcas. Lego Elizabethæ Arundall unum mantellum absque le lynyng, quod quidem lynyng lego ecclesiæ de Batley pro vestimento, et xiij s. iiij d. Lego Johannæ Fitz Willyam meam parvam crucem deauratam. Lego Margaretæ Popilwell unam togam nigram. Lego Aliciæ Mirfeld sorori meæ unam zonam nigram deauratam. Lego Margaretæ Salley unam zonam le cors de veridi cerico. Lego Ceciliæ Bemond j. zonam le cors de blodio cerico. Lego domino Johanni Boswell rectori ecclesiæ de Darfeld j. zonam nigram. Lego Johanni Scargill de Roche xiij s. iiij d. Lego Johanni Scargill de Deyn xl s. Lego Agneti Amyas unam togam de sadgrene penulatam cum menever et vij. marcas. Lego Olivero Mirfeld† octo cocliaria argentea. Lego Johannæ filiæ Johannis Abnay vj s. viij d. Lego dominæ Johannæ Lacy unam armilansam, unum capicium, j. kirchiff de Paryss cum omnibus meis barbis. Lego Willelmo Sallay juniori j. ciphum argenteum cum coopertorio habente ij. liberdhedis in le knop. Lego Elizabethæ Burgoyne j. togam nigram linatam

* The testatrix, a daughter of Sir William Fitzwilliam of Sprotbrough, was the second wife of Thomas Wombwell of Wombwell, Esq. whose will has been printed above. She left no issue. I must refer my readers to her husband's will.

† Oliver Mirfield, Esq. died in 1462. His will was proved in that year, and some notices of his family will be appended to it.

cum nigro bokasyn. Lego Isabellæ Bollyng xiij s. iiij d. Lego Ceciliæ Popelay xx s. Lego domino Henrico Northorp capellano viij. marcas celebrando et alia divina servicia dicendo per j. annum pro anima mea. Lego Priorissæ de Kirkleys iij s. iiij d. Dominæ Ceciliæ Sanbarbe iii s. iiij d. Cuilibet moniali ejusdem domus xii d. Ankaristæ de Beyston xx d. Ambrosio Holme xiij s. iiij d. Johannæ Scargill servienti meæ ij. coverleta, ij. lodices, totum meum lyngarne et iij. marcas argenti. Residuum Willelmo Scargill de Thorp et Willelmo Mirfeld armigeris—pro anima mea. [*Prob.* 18 *Nov.* 1454.]

CXLIV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS WATTON CAPELLANI.

Jan. viij. M.cccc.liiij. Ego Johannes Watton de Eboraco capellanus—Rectori ecclesiæ meæ parochialis S. Crucis in Fosegate in Eboraco.—Lego ad usum cantariæ meæ j. vestimentum nigrum cum una cruce alba in dorso ejusdem cum rosis, et j. aliud vestimentum rubeum cum ymagine crucifixi super dorsum ejusdem, cum ij. manutergiis, et iiij. alterclothes, et j. calicem argenti et deaurat. prec. v. marcarum ; ita quod capellanus, quicunque fuerit successor meus in dicta cantaria mea, nullas reparaciones nec aliquid racione reparacionis ejusdem exigat ; quod si fecerit —sint ad disposicionem executorum meorum.

CXLV. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI LOW DE NEWERK.

Feb. 6, 1454-5. Robertus Low* de Newerk—sep. in ecclesia Sanctæ Mariæ Madelenæ de Newerk in cancello Sancti Nicholai. Et lego meam optimam peciam argenteam cum coopertorio argenteo, nomine principalis mortuarii mei. Et lego unum ornamentum cericum et aureum altari Sanctæ Trinitatis in eadem ecclesia. Aliciæ Legate sorori monialium domus de Henynge3, singulis annis durante vita sua, duas ulnas et dimidiam de blanket. Et singulis monialibus ejusdem loci vj d. Et fabricæ calcetæ inter Newerk et Kellum xl s. Et fabricæ ecclesiæ de Claxton unum calicem. Residuum magistro Johanni Lowe filio meo &c.

Codicillus. Volo quod magister Johannes filius meus habeat pro maritagio Margaretæ filiæ meæ decem libras, ac eciam quod

* Beatrix, the testator's wife, died in 1451. By her will, dated in 1449, she desired to be buried in the chapel of St. Nicholas, within the church of the Blessed Mary Magdalene at Newark. To the high altar she left an altarcloth and a frontel. The residue of her effects she bequeathed to Mr. John Low her son, Alexander Williamson, and William Mychaell.

liberentur eidem Margaretæ parcellæ bonorum subscriptorum, videlicet, unus lectus cum tapeto texto cum floribus viridibus vineis, tria paria linthiaminum, unum bortecloth, duo towellez de twill, sex cocliaria argentea, unum maser harnasiatum cum argento et deaurat' cum uno rose prynte, una pelvis cum lavacro, una olla ærea continens per estimacionem tres lagenas, unum possenet continens unam lagenam et ultra, mea optima patena, unum album coopertorium lecti consuetum cum stellis rubeis, unum par prec' argenti, unum par furcarum ferri vocatarum galous, unum par de curteyns cum le teesteris et sillour, dimidium dos' de whisshyns, unum lavacrum pendens, una parva zona harnaziata cum argento de cerico viridi, et una cista videlicet una pruys kist ; ac eciam quod dictus magister Johannes habeat unum coopertorium blodii coloris textum cum liliis cum tapeto eidem, unam magnam cistam existentem in le parlor, unum whilt, et duo coopertoria de melioribus, unum gardviaune, unum lavacrum fabricatum ad similitudinem viri equitantis,* unam ollam æream cum pendulis ferri, unam pelvim cum annulis, unum bortecloth, unum towell de melioribus, unum dos' cocliarium argenti de melioribus, unam peciam argenti de melioribus, unam maseram harnasiatam, unum countor, et unam cathedram. Et quod Alexander Williamson habeat meam togam penulatam cum beaver et meam optimam zonam. Et Margareta uxor Johannis Willughby habeat unum par prec' de corall, et Johannes Willughby meam togam de musterdvilez penulatam. [*Prob.* 11 *Apr.* 1455.]

CXLVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS ALOTT NUPER VICARII DE BOSSALL.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo die Marcii A.D. M.cccc.liiij. Ego Johannes Alott vicarius ecclesiæ de Bossall—sepeliend. in choro ecclesiæ predictæ. Lego pro mortuario meo optimum animal meum. Lego ydoneo Ricardo Tode capellano pro anima mea celebraturo per unum annum in eccles. predicta c s, ita quod dicat quolibet die exequias defunctorum. Fabricæ eccles. pred. vel pro uno Aufenar, xl s. Fabricæ eccles. S. Petri Ebor. v s. Fabricæ eccles. B. Mar. Suthwell iij s. iiij d. Fabricæ eccles. B. Joh. Beverlac. iij s. iiij d. Eccles. S. Wilfridi de Rypon iij s. iiij d. Fabricæ eccles. de Wylton vj s. viij d. Fabricæ eccles. de Awne iij s. iiij d. Lego Gildæ B. Mar. de Awne iiij s.

* In 1580, John Cusson of West Newbigging, in the parish of Bishopton, and in the Bishoprick of Durham, leaves to his eldest son "a brasyne laver lyke unto a horse."

Gildæ S. Michaelis de Tollerton iiij s. Lego iiij. ordinibus Fratrum Mendicant'. Ebor. xxvj s. iiij d. Lego iiij libras ceræ comburendas circa corpus meum. Ad distribuendum pauperibus xx s. Domui S. Roberti juxta Knaresburgh iij s. iiij d. Cuilibet presbitero existenti ad exequias et missam die sepulturæ meæ xij d. Fratri Willielmo Barnby Predicatori Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Johannæ Marshall sorori domus S. Nich. Ebor. ij s. Thomæ Otes quondam cissori Ebor. ij s. Johanni Wall servienti meo vj s. viij d. et unam togam viridem linatam. Roberto Alott de Wylton j. dublett de geat skynnys, j. colobium duplicem, unum par ocrearum et j. metburd. Johannæ uxori suæ ij. coopertoria meliora, ij. blanketts, ij. shetys, j. matrice, vj. parapsides, v. dishes, iij. sawsars, j. singulum rubio stipatum, iij. yerdis of blew cloth, et alia utensilia, viz. standes et ollas terreas. Johannæ Westeby alias Godfra cognatæ meæ uxori clerici de Saint Tulis in London vj s. viij d. Aliciæ Morland famulæ meæ vj s. viij d., vj. yerdis panni linii, ij. coopertoria, ij. blanketts, ij. linthiamina, j. matrice, j. brace pott continentem iij. lagenas, j. arke meliorem, unam vaccam nigram, et iiij. oves. Johanni Wright servienti meo j. coopertorium, j. qwilt, j. brace pott. cont. ij. lagenas, ij. linthiamina, j. vaccam rubeam, iiij. oves et in moneta ij s. Agneti Alott filiæ sororis meæ, j. ollam eneam meliorem, j. blake qwy et j. almory. Willelmo filio sororis meæ j. arke, j. cellam, j. gladium, j. coopertorium, j. qwylt et par shetys. Margaretæ Bigryge j. cistam, j. par shetis, j. qwilt rubeum optimum, j. coopertorium, j. par blankits, unam ollam eneam cont. j. lagenam et dim. et j. patellam. Johannæ quæ fuit uxor Roberti Constable ij. aundyrens ferri. Cuilibet hospitali Masendew aut domui leprosorum in Ebor. xiij d. Roberto Constable filio predicti Roberti Constable ij. worte ledis, iij. qwirteyns paled cum j. testour et j. coveryng paled, j. parr qwerens. Residuum lego executoribus. [*Prob.* 15 *Apr.* 1455.]

CXLVII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI RICARDI PLANE RECTORIS DE GEDELYNG.

In Dei nomine, Amen. viij. Feb. M.cccc.liiij. Ego Ricardus Plane rector medietatis eccles. par. de Gedelyng Ebor. dioc.—Sep. in eccles. mea parochiali ibidem. Lego unum librum vocatum Antiphonarium eccles. de Willoby North, Linc. dioc. Ricardo Chaunes j. Portiforium de usu Sar. et j. librum vocatum Pupilla Oculi. Ricardo Twycrose j. librum grammaticalem vocatum Medulla Grammaticæ. Ecclesiæ de Welburn Linc. dioc. j. Legendam secundum usum Sar. continentem in se Temporale et Sanctorum, sub hac condicione quod parochiani de

Welburn reddant et liberent duas antiquas Legendas, unam de Temporali, alteram de Sanctorum ecclesiæ parochiali de Longele Denham, et quod incolæ de Ledenham predicta liberent et reddant unum antiquum Missale, illud viz. super quod ego Ricardus Plane celebravi quando eram capellanus parochiæ dictæ eccles. de Ledenham, capellæ de Stoke infra parochiam de Gedelyng. Lego eccles. par. de Gedelyng unum Missale, unum Processionale et unum Manuale secundum usum Sarum et unum novum Gradale. Residuum Johanni Plane fratri meo et Margaretæ uxori suæ. Joh. Whatton de Stoke armiger supervisor. Testibus dom. Ricardo Willoby vicario perpetuo medietatis eccles. de Gedelyng, etc. [*Prob.* 1 *May*, 1455.]

CXLVIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS STAPILTON MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo primo die mensis Februarii, Anno Domini Millesimo CCCC quinquagesimo quarto. Ego Johannes Stapilton* de Wighall miles. In primis lego et commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti et Beatæ Mariæ Virgini Gloriosæ ac Omnibus Sanctis curiæ celestis, corpusque meum sepeliendum ubicunque Deus disposuerit me ab hac luce migrare. Item do et lego quinque marcas ad emendum unum vestimentum in ecclesia parochiali de Wighall predicta deserviendum quamdiu durare poterit, super quod vestimentum volo quod forma de armis meis fabricetur. Et lego ad fabricam dictæ ecclesiæ xx s. Vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ pro decimis et oblacionibus meis oblitis xl s. Priori de Helaypark† xx s., et cuilibet canonico capellano existenti ibidem xiij s. iiij d. Et cuilibet novicio non capellano existenti ibidem iij s. iiij d. Ad fabricam ecclesiæ dictæ domus de Helaypark xl. marcas. Priorissæ de Synnyngthwate xiij s. iiij d., et cuilibet moniali ibidem vj s. viij d., et ad fabricam ejusdem domus C s. Item lego cuilibet ordini Fratrum Mendicancium Ebor. xiij s. iiij d. Fabricæ ecclesiæ B. Petri Ebor. xx s., Gildæ S. Christofori Ebor. vj s. viij d. Priori domus S. Trinitatis

* The head of one of the sister houses of the knightly family of Stapleton. He was the eldest son of Sir Miles Stapleton of Wighill, in right of his wife, a co-heir of Sir Gerard Usflete. Sir John married a daughter of Mr. Justice Norton of Norton Conyers, by whom he had a large family. She survived him, and her will occurs hereafter. After her husband's death she took the veil. The Archbishop's commission to receive her is dated on the 9th of June, 1455. These two wills make considerable additions to the received pedigree of the Stapletons. By a licence dated 7th February, 1446-7, the Archbishop of York grants an oratory to John Stapleton, Esq. and Margaret his wife.

† The Priory of Helagh Park in the Ainsty is in the immediate vicinity of Wighill. Several of the Stapletons were buried there, and the family took great interest in the establishment.

Ebor. xx s. Conventui ejusdem domus xx s. ad fabricam ecclesiæ dictæ domus xl s. Cuilibet domui Leprosorum Ebor. vj s. viij d. Distribuendum inter pauperes homines et mulieres jacentes in lecto Ebor. xl s. Lego uni capellano ydoneo et honesto divina celebraturo in ecclesia ubi corpus meum sepultum fuerit pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum et omnium de quibus merito aliqua bona habui ac omnium fidelium defunctorum, per tres annos integros proxime sequentes post decessum meum, salarium competens. Et si contingat me sepeliri infra aliquam Abbathiam vel locum religiosorum tum volo quod dictus capellanus assignetur per executores meos ad celebrandum in ecclesia ubi corpus meum sepultum fuerit, ut prefertur. Lego ad distribuendum pro anima mea pauperibus cecis claudis et impotentibus die sepulturæ meæ octo et viginti marcas. Elizabethæ filiæ meæ ad maritagium suum c. marcas. Isabellæ filiæ meæ c. marcas et Katerinæ* filiæ meæ c. marcas. Item lego Briano filio meo xx. libras sterlingorum. Willelmo† filio meo unam cistam ligatam cum ferro quam habui de Roberto Colynson, unum armariolum pruciæ quod quondam fuit Johannis Wade de Eboraco, unam magnam pressuram de waynscott, unum lectum de rubio say cum j. tapeto and iij. quyrtyns de eodem, j. fedir bed, ij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, j. par linthiaminum cum ij. pilows, j. lectum depictum cum j. tapeto et textura et iij. quyrtyns, j. fedirbed, ij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, j. par linthiaminum cum ij. pilows et unum alium lectum cum j. tapeto et iij. quyrtyns depictis, j. matras, ij. coverletts, ij. blanketts, j. par linthiaminum cum ij. pilows et unam peciam vocatam Grypeg ‡ deauratam et aliam peciam pounsatam et in parte deauratam quas habui de Thoma Brockett, xij. coclearia argenti, j. saltselar argenti et coopertum et alium saltselar argenti non coopertum, j. ollam argenteam et unam murram argentatam et deauratam et duas magnas ollas eneas, ij. magnas patellas, j. dosane de pewtre vessell garneshte,

* Catherine Stapleton became the first wife of Thomas Roos of Ingmanthorp, Esq. She left issue by him, and was buried in the high choir of the church of Kirkdighton, on the north side near the wall, under the image of St. George. Her husband took to himself a second wife, and died in 1505, leaving a large family behind him.

† Afterwards Sir William Stapleton of Wighill, knight. He was twice married. His first wife was Margaret, daughter of Sir James Pickering After her death he re-married Joan, widow of Sir Roger Warde of Givendale. The Archbishop allows William Stapleton of Wighill, Esq. and Margaret his wife, to have an oratory, by his licence dated 27th January, 1458-9. Sir William died in the month of December, 1503. His will is recorded in the registry at York.

‡ A cup made of the egg of the gripe. It was probably merely the egg of an ostrich, which was set in silver; but it was referred by our ancestors to the griffon. This piece was an heirloom in the family of Stapleton, and it is entailed as such in the wills of several generations. In 1538 Christopher Stapleton of Wighill, Esq. leaves to Robert his son and heir "a cuppe covered of the facyone of an nutte called grypeege." Cf. Prompt. Parv. ed. Way, pp. 212, 213.

j. cisternum plumbeum, j. brewled cum duobus wortleds et mashfate, j. magnum veru et unum magnum par de aundyryns pro aula. Item do et lego Margaretæ uxori dicti Willelmi unam peciam argenti coopertam. Margaretæ uxori meæ unam peciam argenti stantem coopertam et deauratam, et unam aliam peciam argenti flatt coopertam et deauratam, et duas alias pecias argenti stantes coopertas, tres pecias argenti de una secta pounsatas cum rosis, unum saltsaler argenti coopertum et aliud saltsaler argenti non coopertum et xij. cocliaria argenti, unum lectum de albo et viridi worset cum j. tapeto et iij. quyrtyns de eadem, j. fedirbed, ij. coverletts, ij. fustianes, j. par linthiaminum cum ij. pilows optimis, vj. qwisshyns de viridi et albo worsett et vj. qwysshins de viridi et rubeo worsett, et j. lectum de rubio et nigro worsett cum tapeto et iij. quyrtyns de eodem, j. fedirbed, ij. coverletts, j. par linthiaminum, ij. blanketts cum ij. pilows. Agneti filiæ meæ unam peciam argenti coopertam. Isabellæ sorori meæ j. peciam argenti coopertam. Elenæ sorori meæ unum annulum aureum. Margaretæ sorori meæ unum annulum aureum. Johanni sorori meæ unum annulum aureum. Cuilibet anachoritarum infra Ebor. xiij s. iiij d. Conventui Abbathiæ Beatæ Mariæ Ebor. pro uno obitu viz. Placebo et Dirige et Missa de Requiem dicendo pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum xl s. Lego predictæ Margaretæ uxori meæ unum annulum aureum cum uno rubeo impresso et unam cistam ligatam cum ferro in Abbathia Beatæ Mariæ existentem. Et predicto Willelmo filio meo duos alios annulos aureos vocatos sygnetts. Et dicto Briano filio meo duos alios annulos aureos nuper factos apud London, tres optimas togas meas furratas et duas alias togas non furratas, duo optima capucia mea et duas optimas dublitecas meas et unam cistam pruciæ. Lego Conventui monialium de Mollsby xx s. Item volo quod mortuarium meum sit dispositum secundum discrecionem executorum meorum et quod jus ecclesiæ omnino servetur. Item lego Willelmo Norton armigero xl s. Radulpho Reresby* xl s. pro labore suo. Willielmo Castley servienti meo xx s. Johanni Roueslay servienti meo xx s. Roberto Dalby servienti meo x s. Residuum—executoribus meis ad disponendum pro anima mea prout— Executores constituo Margaretam uxorem meam, Willelmum Norton armigerum et Brianum filium meum, et Radulphum Reresby supervisorem. His testibus, Willelmo Bramham vicario de Helay, Willelmo Barwyke vicario de Wighall. [*Prob.* 3 *June*, 1455.]

* Ralph Reresby of Thribergh, Esq. was the testator's son-in-law. He took to wife his daughter Agnes.

CXLIX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI THOMÆ MARSHALL CAPELLANI.

Jul. j. M.cccc.lv. Ego Thomas Marshall capellanus de Eboraco —sepeliend. in choro eccles. S. Andreæ ecclesiæ meæ par. inter summum altare et presbiterium. Lego ad summum altare eccles. Cath. B. Petri Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Item ad inveniendum in dicta fabrica unum cementarium per unum quarterium anni xxx s.—Lego ad cantariam meam fundatam pro anima Ricardi Barneby j. librum Portat' cum novis addicionibus et vestimentum, precii xxs.

CL. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS MELTON MILITIS.

In Dei nomine—j. Apr. M.cccc.lv. Ego Johannes Melton* miles, senior—corpus meum tumulandum in choro Trinitatis eccles. par. de Aston—Lego uni honesto sacerdoti—Lego servicio B. Mariæ in predicta ecclesia per vij. annos continuos pro quolibet anno iiij. marcas. Lego pro mille missis—Abbathiæ de Rupe xx s. Abb. de Welbek xx s. Prioratui de Wirsopp xx s. Quatuor ordinibus Fratrum — Fabricæ cancelli ecclesiæ de Aston c s. Rectori ejusdem, sc. Thomæ Barry, c s. Doctori Sutton c s. Thomæ Everyngham nepoti meo de Nova Aula x marcas. Executores Johannem Melton† filium meum et heredem, Antonium Melton filium meum juniorem. Testibus, Johanne Abbate de Rupe, Johanne Sandford armigero. [*Pr.* 8 *Sep.* 1455.]

CLI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS DOMINI LE SCROPE.

Ego Johannes vulgariter nuncupatus dominus le Scrop,‡ senex ætate, debilis corpore, sanus tamen mente, et firmiter

* Sir John Melton, of Aston, a collateral descendant of William de Melton, Archbishop of York. The Meltons were in possession of Aston for many generations, and the magnificent alliances which some of them contracted are a sufficient proof of the high consideration of the family. Dorothy, the sole heiress of Melton, who came into the world in the same year that Henry VIII. came to the throne, married George Lord Darcy, and carried the large estates of her house into that illustrious family. The testator was born in the first year of the reign of Richard II. He married Margaret, daughter of Roger Lord Clifford, by whom he had two sons. Appended to this will is a settlement of his estates in the vills and territories of Aston, Aghton, Hardwik, Ulley Walis, and Walis Wood. The trustees are, Thomas Everingham, Esq., Thomas Barry, rector of Aston, Thomas Fox, and Anthony Melton, the testator's son.

† John Melton the younger, Esq., was 40 years of age at his father's death. In the same year he was sheriff of Yorkshire. He married Elizabeth, one of the coheirs of Sir Robert Hylton, of Swine.

‡ The testator, Sir John Scrope, fourth Lord Scrope of Masham and Upsal, was the fourth son of Stephen second Lord Scrope of Masham, by Margery, daughter of John Lord Welles. The commanding position which the house of Scrope occupied in

sperans quod paucitas dierum meorum finietur brevi, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis, lego animam meam misericordiæ Dei Omnipotentis, Beatissimæ Mariæ matri suæ, Omnibus Sanctis et Angelis ejus, corpusque meum ad sepeliendum in sepulcro meo per me de novo facto, pro me et Elizabetha uxore mea, in boriali parte in capella Sancti Stephani, vulgariter vocata Scrop Chapell,* infra ecclesiam Cathedralem

the North was of itself sufficient to win for the testator a high place among the officers of the State, and he appears, also, to have inherited all that energy and decision of character, as well as those administrative talents, which had long been the goodly heritage of his princely family. He was sworn a member of the Privy Council, February 28, 1424; and was summoned to Parliament from 7th January, 1426, until the 26th of May, 1455. In July, 1428, he was appointed ambassador to the King of Spain and the King of the Romans; and, in the following year, he went to Scotland on a similar mission. He was engaged in many other embassies, on different occasions. On 26th February, 1432, he was appointed Treasurer of England, a post which had been occupied by many of his ancestors and kinsmen. This office he held for two years. Lord Scrope died on the 15th of November, 1455, and was buried, as he desired, in the chapel of his family, in the minster at York. A small portion of this will has been given by Dugdale, in his Baronage, and has been reprinted by Sir Harris Nicolas, in his illustrations of that most interesting document, the Scrope and Grosvenor Roll. The wills of several of the Scropes have been printed in the Test. Ebor. Vol. I., and I am glad to have it in my power to add to the memorials of that lordly house. The document before us was evidently drawn up with the greatest care, under the directions of the testator himself, and it will be read with considerable interest. Lord Scrope, according to Sir Harris Nicolas, was twice married. His first consort is said to have been Elizabeth, a daughter of Ralph Lord Greystock. She died without issue. His (second) wife, and the mother of his children, was the daughter of the head of a great Nottinghamshire house, Sir Thomas Chaworth, of Wiverton. She survived her lord some eleven years, and died in 1466. After her husband's death, she retired from the world and took the veil. The commission to receive her was addressed by the Archbishop of York to his suffragan, John Bishop of Philippolis, on the 18th of December, 1455. The register in which this document is recorded contains, also, a copy of the oath which was to be administered to the illustrious "vowess." It runs as follows: "In the name of God, Amen. I, Elizabeth Scrop, late wife to my worshipfull Lord, John newly Lord Scrop and of Masham, avow to be chaste fro this tyme forward, and I bihote to lefe stably in yis avow duryng my life. And in wittenes hereof, I with myne owne hand make this subscripcion +."

* The Scrope Chapel was at the east end of the north aisle of the choir in York Cathedral. Leland gives us several memorials of the Scropes, which he observed in this chapel. These, in his time, were in a most dilapidated condition, and they have now disappeared altogether. The monument of Richard Scrope, the martyred Archbishop, is the only record which the minster contains of a family to which it was so much indebted. The Scropes seem to have stood in the same position with respect to York, as the Nevilles did to Durham. The Nevilles, however, were not always on good terms with the Monastery of St. Cuthbert. The following singular letter will throw some light upon the connection which existed between the church of York and the family of Scrope. It appears from it, that in an affray which had taken place in the Minster at York, one Richard Hemingburgh, a cousin of the Prior of Durham, had been maltreated and wounded by Richard Lord Scrope of Bolton and his men. For this act of violence Lord Scrope conferred upon the sufferer an annuity of 40*s.*, and the letter which I subjoin was written by the Prior of Durham, to his Bishop, upon the subject. It is without a date, but it was probably written in 1423.

"Litera missa domino Episcopo pro Ricardo Hemyngburgh.

"Reverendissime pater et domine, humillima recommendacione premissa, omni subjectione et obedientia filiali. Pro vestris magnificis solatiis et benevolenciis pater-

Beati Petri Eboraci. Item, circa funeralia mea post mortem meam imediate fienda, volo et ordino quod subsequens ordo observetur. In primis, quod corpus meum portetur per filios et servos meos domi interessentes ad dictam capellam, precedentibus corpus meum a domo mea usque ad dictam capellam xxiiij. pauperibus vestitis in togis albis cum capuciis, quilibet eorum habens in manu sua novum par precarum lignearum de novo emptum consimile, absque aliquo luminis portacione, et quod dicti xxiiij. pauperes stant, sedent, vel genuflectunt, ut illis melius videbitur, in insula ante dictam capellam seriatim, et quod quilibet eorum dicat tam ad Dirige quam ad Missam Psalterium Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, (et) oret Deum ut concedat animæ meæ lumen eternum. Et volo quod unusquisque habeat post finem Missæ de Requiem pro labore suo vj d. Item volo quod corpus meum ponatur super sepulcrum meum cum uno coopertorio panni nigri lanei, cum magna alba cruce panni linei, quam volo ut remaneat, corpore meo sepulto, sacristis dictæ ecclesiæ, ad eorum usum. Item volo quod ponantur super tumbam meam, ubi corpus meum sepelietur, duo candelabra argentea et deaurata cum armis meis, quæ ego nuper dedi summo altari, cum duobus ceriis, uterque iiij. librarum ceræ, ibidem ardentibus tempore exequiarum et missæ predictæ. Item volo et ordino quod exequiæ meæ solempniter fiant, ad autenticum altare in magno choro dictæ ecclesiæ. Et quod quilibet canonichus ejusdem ecclesiæ personaliter existens ad dictas exequias meas ac Missam habeat ij s. Et canonichus dictas exequias et Missam de Requiem celebrans iij s. iiij d. Et quilibet persona ejusdem ecclesiæ, amisiam calebriam portans ad dictas exequias et missam interessens, xij d. Et quilibet vicarius ejusdem ecclesiæ ad dictas exequias et missam interessens xij d. Et quilibet diaconus, subdiaconus ac thuribu-

nalibus, michi a vestra paternitate reverendissima nuper London' et antea multipliciter cumulatis, quascunque sufficio gratiarum intimas refero actiones, et specialissime pro vestro prudentissimo et sanissimo consilio in meis ad vestram venerabillimam presenciam accessu pariter et recessu ab eadem personaliter michi dato, memoriæ meæ tanquam consilio suavissimo patris ad filium merito inserendo. Reverendissime pater, quia Ricardus H(emmyngburgh), lator presencium, et consanguineus nuper Johannis H(emmyngburgh) patris mei Prioris defuncti, habet certa negocia expedienda penes v(estram) r(everendissimam) p(aternitatem), Jacobum S(trangeways?), et alios, ut dicit, infeoffatos domini Ricardi le Scrope, domini de Bolton, defuncti, pro quodam annuo redditu xl s., sibi ad terminum vitæ per dictum dominum R(icardum) le S(crope) concesso, eo quod per eundem dominum et suos in ecclesia Cathedrali Eboraci fuerat graviter vulneratus, sicut idem R(icardus) v(estræ) r(everendissimæ) p(aternitati) noverit apertius informare, vestræ r(everendæ) p(aternitati) supplico pro voto, quatinus prefato R(icardo) H(emmyngburgh), tanquam necessitatem patienti, per vestrum promptissimum consilium et auxilium caritatis intuitu gratiose dignemini subvenire, et eo favorabilius quo patris mei, ultimi Prioris defuncti, sanguinis propinquitas et precum mearum exilitas interveniunt pro eodem. Ad consolacionem pauperum et ecclesiæ catholicæ fulcimentum Altissimus vobis multiplicet letos dies. Script. Dunelm." [Reg. II. parv. 29.]

larius ejusdem ecclesiæ ad dictas exequias et missam interessens vj d. Et quilibet chorista ejusdem ecclesiæ similiter ad dictas exequias et missam interessens iiij d. Et volo quod non servietur alicui de speciebus neque de vino ad dictas exequias meas. Item volo et ordino quod in die obitus mei non fiat aliqua distribucio pauperibus, si prius facta fuerit in vita mea; sin antem, fiat distribucio cuilibet pauperi ij d., absque aliquo prandio, solummodo dictis xxiiij. pauperibus in albis togis vestitis. Item lego altari Sanctæ Mariæ Abbathiæ Ebor. unum jocale cum osse Sanctæ Margaretæ et xl s., pro exequiis meis solempniter fiendis, cum pulsacione campanarum, si non prius fuerint dati et exequiæ meæ factæ in vita mea. Item lego domui Sancti Leonardi pro exequiis meis solempniter fiendis cum pulsacione campanarum xx s., si non prius fuerint factæ in vita mea. Item lego domui Sancti Andreæ, ac domui Monialium Sancti Clementis, et unicuique domui iiij^or^ Ordinum Fratrum Civitatis Eboraci, videlicet cuilibet eorum xiij s. iiij d. pro exequiis meis solempniter fiendis cum pulsacione campanarum, si non prius fuerint factæ in vita mea. Item lego cuilibet ecclesiæ parochiali dictæ Civitatis, tam infra muros quam in suburbiis dictæ Civitatis, pro dictis exequiis meis solempniter fiendis cum pulsacione campanarum vj s. viij d. vel iij s. iiij d., secundum discrecionem executorum meorum, si non prius fuerint factæ in vita mea. Item volo et ordino quod omnia debita mea aliquibus personis debita præ omnibus legacionibus meis sint plenarie soluta et contenta, quorum nomina cum parcellis in quodam codicello inter alias meas voluntates specificantur, et propria manuali mea signata, et posita in uno pixide longo, unacum isto testamento meo ac cum inventariis meis, sigillatis cum signeto meo de Crabb,* in uno pixide relictis. Item do et lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ totam stuffuram domus habitacionis meæ in Eboraco, in omnibus officiis infra hospicium meum, quibus cotidie in dicto hospicio michi servitur, vasis argenteis deauratis et non deauratis duntaxat exceptis, quia legantur in codicello meo predicto, unacum omnibus legacionibus meis tam sibi, filiis, quam servis meis datis et legatis. Item lego Gildæ Corporis Christi, et Gildæ Sancti Christofori, quarum ego sum frater, utrique eorum iij s. iiij d., absque aliquo lumine portato eorundem circa corpus meum tempore exequiarum mearum, si non prius fuerint dati in vita mea. Item lego cuilibet domui leprosorum, et cuilibet domui pauperum vocatæ Masyndeuxe, in dicta Civitate, quam in suburbiis ejus-

* The crest of the Scropes of Bolton was a plume of feathers; that of the Scropes of Masham a crab. Crabs are called *scraps*, in the Jarrow Rolls published by this Society; and there is probably an affinity between this term and *Le Scrop*, the original surname of this great family. An impression of this identical seal has just occurred to me, and I hope to be able to append an engraving of it to this present volume.

dem, xij d. Item lego cuilibet sorori domus Sancti Leonardi xx d. et cuilibet sorori domus Sancti Nicholai xij d., si non prius fuerint dati in vita mea. Item lego ecclesiæ parochiali S. Johannis de le Pyke unam capam de blewe satyn cum operibus de velvet, orfraid cum chekty velvet, una cum mortuario de jure debito. Item lego ecclesiæ parochiali Sancti Martini in Mikelgate, de patronatu mea, unum vestimentum integrum de rubio damask, viz. pro presbitero, diacono et subdiacono, cum casula et tunicis, cum duobus capis de rubio damask. Item do et lego Annacoritæ ad ecclesiam Omnium Sanctorum in Fishergate, ac Annacoritæ ad domum Monialium Sancti Clementis, et Annacoritæ ad ecclesiam Sanctæ Margaretæ in Walmegate, cuilibet earum iij s. iiij d., si non prius fuerint dati in vita mea. Item lego et ordino pro implecione hujus testamenti mei, si non inveniantur in cofferis meis monetæ sufficientes, volo ut xij. disci largi de argento, ponderis de Troye xxj lb. iiij unc., vendantur ad complendum istam dictam meam voluntatem. Et, si aliquid inde remaneat, volo quod uterque duorum capellanorum meorum, qui celebrant ad altare Sancti Stephani, habeat xl s. Hujus autem testamenti mei executores ordino et constituo Elizabetham uxorem meam, Johannem filium et heredem* meum, magistrum Willelmum le Scrop fratrem meum,† Thomam le Scrop filium meum,‡ dominum Willelmum Caleys§ et Willelmum Newsom. Datum sub sigillo armorum meorum, primo die Julii, Anno Domini Milesimo cccc. quadragesimo primo, et anno regni Regis Henrici sexti vicesimo nono.

Sequitur scriptura intitulata Codicillus super ultima Voluntate Domini le Scrop.—This ensyng is the Codicell of me John, the Lord Scrop, rehersid in generall termes in my testament, of myne uttermost will and disposicyon for payments of my dettis bequeest and giftis to my wife, childer, broder, and to all other, made ye xiiij. day of March, ye yeer of oure lord M.cccc.liij., and of ye reign of Kyng Henre vj. xxxij., to be fulfilled by myne executours named in my testament in this my Codicell, and in my utter most wyll. DEBITA CUM PARCELLIS PRO SOLUCIONE EORUNDEM IN VITA MEA NON SOLUTA. In primis, I will and ordeyn that xx. marc.

* Who did not, however, survive his father. His will has been printed above.

† Fifth son of Stephen Lord Scrope of Masham, and younger brother to the testator. He was canon residentiary in the churches of Ripon and Beverley, and Archdeacon of Durham. He died on the 22nd of May, 1463, and was interred in York Minster. On the 17th of December, 1463, Archbishop Booth issues an order for the sequestration of his goods, to repair the dilapidations of his stall at the altar of St. Michael the Archangel, in the church of Beverley.

‡ Third son of the testator, and eventually fifth Baron Scrope of Masham. He was summoned to Parliament from 1459 to 1472, and died in 1475.

§ He became vicar of Ainderby Steeple in 1437, upon the presentation of the testator.

be kept and reservid for all my small dettis, to be payde if ther ony be dewe and askid, and if ther be ony mo dettes claymed of me and proved, than this my ordynaunce woll and may content, I will thei be taken and payed of ye dettes of my enfeffed londis, obligacyons, or of what oder gudes movables, yat ern myn, and dewe to me in ony wise at my deth day. PARCELLIS DATIS ET LEGATIS ELIZABETHÆ UXORI MEÆ. Item I yeve and bequeeth to my wyfe, over my bequeest in my testament, ij. dosen disshes of silver, xij. salsers of silver and v. chargeours of silver, weyng of Troy (*blank*). Item j. fayre pile of coppis conteynyng xij. coppis gilt, with crabbis in ye myddis, and ij. coveryngis to yame, with crabb. Item vj. peces of silver playne, with j. copp covered. Item ij. pottis of silver potellers, parcell gilt, weying of Troye xj lb. xj unc. Item ij. coppis of silver playne with M and S* in ye grounde, weying of Troye j lb. iiij unc. Item j. copp of sanopir, foted and covered, with j. coveryng of silver. Item j. copp of silver and gilt, foted, covered and graven with yve leves, weying of Troy j lb. viij unc. dim. Item j. copp of silver and gilt, foted, covered and pounced with sheppherdis, weying of Troy ij lb. iij quaterons. Item j. rounde ewer of silver and gilt, weying of Troy x unc. dim. Item j. par basyns of silver and parcell gilt, with Scrop armes in ye ground, weying of Troy vj lb. x unc. Item j. rounde basyn of silver with gilt boses, weying of Troy iij lb. ix unc. Item j. ewer of silver, weying of Troy j lb. v unc. Item j. ewer of silver, weying of Troy j lb. vij unc. dim. Item ij. candilsticks of silver for qwerios parcell gilt, weying of Troy ij lb. vij oz. Item viij. spones of silver, weying of Troy viij unc. Item j. salt saler of silver and gilt, covered, playne, weying of Troy j lb. xj unc. Item ij. salt salers of silver, uncovered, parcell gilted, weying of Troy xj unc. Item of naperye and shetis as mich as is necessarie for hir. Item j. Portas covered in blew cloyth of damask of silver. Item j. olde Messe Boke with Scrope armes in ye begynnyng. Item j. litill cofre bounden with yrne, lengh of ij. fote, with all my small jewellis in it. Item all ornaments and vestments longyng to my closett in ye Monastre of York, with j. crose of silver and gilt, with Marie Mawdeleyn abowte it, weying of Troy ij lb. Item j. chalis of silver and gilt playne, with j. lambe graven in ye patyn, weying of Troy j lb. Item j. par of cruettis of silver, weying of Troy viij unc. Item j. litill basyn of silver, weying of Troy j lb. j unc. j quateron. Item j. paxbred of silver and gilt, with j. crucifix of Mary and John, weying of Troy ix unc. j quarteron. Item j. long candilstik of silver with j. handill, weying

* The initials, in all probability, of his mother, Margery daughter of John Lord Welles, and widow of John Lord Huntingfield.

of Troy ix unc. Item j. candilstik of silver, stondyng, weying of Troy vij unc. Item j. box of silver covered, for syngyngbrede, weying of Troy v unc. dim. Item j. par cruettis of silver, weying of Troy vj unc. Item j. litill holy water fatt with j. strenkill of silver, weying of Troy weght x unc. Item j. litill paxbrede of silver and gilt, weying of Troy ij unc. iij quarterons. Item j. chalis of silver, with j. patyn, parcell gilt; and all the ornamentis to remayne still ther to the use of my wyfe and myne heyris. And all ye ornamentis and vestimentis, loyeing now to my chapell in my dewellyng place in Yorke, I yeve my wyfe, to hir use. PARCELLIS DATIS ET LEGATIS ALIANORÆ FILIÆ MEÆ,* MAGISTRO WILLELMO SCROP FRATRI MEO, ET FILIO ET HEREDI† HENRICO (*sic*) DOMINO LE SCROP DE BOLTON. Item I ordeyne and yeve and bequeeth yat Alianor, my doghter, shall have terme of hir lyfe xx marcs, goying oute of my maner of Driffeld, in my lyfe, and xl marcs aftre my decesse, of ye same maner and lordship, duryng hir life, it to be taken at two termes of ye yeer, aftre the forme of my lettres patents by me graunted to hir, under my seall, afore ye dat of yis my codicell. Item I yeve and bequeeth to my saide doghter ane Englissh boke of ye Pater Noster, glosid, with Matynes of ye Passion, and j. par of tables enlymned with Seyntis and Scrop armes in yame, case of querbole, wroght with ane hede and ane holy lame. Item I yeve and bequeth to John, son and heyr to Henry ye lord Scrop of Bolton, j. nete broch of gold of tow aungell, ye gise of a man's herte. Item I yeve and bequeeth to mayster William Scrop, my broder, j. crosse uppon a fote of silver and gilt, with Mary and John and iiij. Evangelistis aboute it. Item I yeve and bequeth to Sir William Caleys, to lefe to his chirch of Aynderby, j. cope of sangwayne satyn, with werk of velvet, orfrayed, palyd with clothe of golde. Item I bequeth to ye saide Sir William Caleys j. par bedis of laumbyr lacyd, with mony hyngeris knopped of rede silk. Item I yeve and bequeeth to ye howse of Seynt Austyns in York, of which I am founder, yei keping and fulfillyng ye indentur betwixe yaime and me made and ye condicions yerin, xx l. or iij l. and xij d. yeerly, for xij. yeer, enduryng at ye fredome of myne executours. PARCELLIS DATIS ET LEGATIS THOMÆ FILIO MEO ET HEREDI. Item I yeve and

* Eleanor Scrope, the daughter of the testator, was twice married. Her first husband was Richard son and heir apparent of Sir John Darcy, who died in the lifetime of his father. From this marriage descended the barons Darcy and Conyers. Her second husband was William Claxton, of East Bridgeford, co. Notts, who died in 1496. Some account of her is appended to the will of her brother John le Scrope, who calls her "Magistrix, soror mea."

† John son of Henry fourth Baron Scrope of Bolton, and the fifth baron upon the death of his father. He died on the 17th August, 1498, after an active life, spent in public employments. His mother was own daughter to the testator.

bequeth to Thomas, my son and heyr, j. grete playne boll of silver covered, yat was my lordis my faders. Item ij. pottis quarttelettis of silver covered. Item j. basyn of silver with j. rose in ye bothome, and j. ewer of silver yerto. Item ij. salers broken, of silver gilted and foted, ye gise of maskill. Item I yeve and bequeth to my saide son all ye stuffe in ye maner of Upsall in evere place and office yare in, as is conteyned in ane Inventary made of ye same stuffe in ye morow next after Ascencyon of our lord, the year of the reigne of king Henry vj. xxxj., and residews of all my gudis unbequeth and ungifen I gife to my wife and to myn executores, to do yer with at yare fredome and will, as yei woll aunswer afore Gode, w^t^ all ye dett owght unto (me) in obligacyons or other wyse, w^t^ all yarrages of my londis or lyfelode to me dewe at my dethe, my will afore fully performed. The arrages of ye londis, that perteneth to ye lordship of my wife dower, if she content hir with the saide dower y^t^ I have endowed hir in ever, I excep, and to hir yame I yeve and bequeeth [in] yis my saide wyll writen and yeven under my seall, ye day and ye yeer above writen. Item I gyfe my saide son j. bede of grene and white silke with coverled and testour. Item j. dosen disshes of silver, after ye decesse of my wife.

Sequitur scriptura intitulata Ultima Voluntas domini Johannis domini le Scrop.—In Dei Patris potencia, In Dei Filii sapientia, et in Dei Spiritus providencia, Ego Johannes dominus le Scrop reformo testamentum meum prefactum et omnes voluntates meas prefactas in modo qui sequitur, pro ultima mea voluntate. First yat my testament afore made and seald be hole kept thorgh, in forme as it is made, and all thingis yare in comprehended, except yat yer where John, yat was my son, whom God assoile, was writen for one of myne executores, yare to be understonde Sir John Bernyngham, tresorer of York mynster, and Maister John Marsshall, resedenter of the same mynster, with ye remanent of myn executores comprehended in my testament, and in yis my last will. And if it happen me to make mariage with Thomas my son and ye Baron doghter of Graystok,* and receyve yat gude, then myne exequyes to be done as solempnely in all thingis as my testament rehersith yat terme in myn saide testament, yf it be not done before noght withstondyng. And my codicell uppon

* It did "happen" the testator, to "make marriage" with Thomas (his son) "and the Baron doghter of Graystok." The nuptials were celebrated almost immediately after this codicil was made, and the result was, a family of four sons and three daughters. The sons, Thomas, Henry, Ralph, and Geoffrey, were each of them, in succession, Barons Scrope of Masham. The eldest son alone left issue a daughter, who by her marriage with her cousin Henry Scrope again united the houses of Masham and Bolton. The "Baron's doghter" survived her husband, and became the wife of Sir Gilbert Talbot of Grafton, co. Worc. Knt., by whom also she had issue.

my testament to be kept in ye same forme as it is made. And as touching ye giftis and bequeething in ye same codicell comprehendid, to stonde for forme and stabill all my will yare in. Also I will yat my wife have, yf she overlife me, my crosse and my cheyne, yat I bere abowte my nek. And also I will yat Thomas my son have my parlement robe, yf he will have it, gevyng Colyn my servaunt x l. for his parte, and Robert Cowrtby my servaunt v. mares for his parte.* And ellis to late yame two have it. And I will yat John Mendfawte have my embrowded clothe of ymagerye, uppon lesse yan my wife or Thomas my son will gife him yerfore c s. Also I will yat ye house of Walsyngham have x. mares, for forgeten avowes and beheestes by me made to our Lady yer. Moreover yf the mariage stonde concluded, as afore, I will c l. be made of yat, and of all my gudis unbequeethed, ungifen or unsold at ye time of my dethe, by yavise of all myn executours, and remayne unto my doghter Alianor with ye mariage of hir son Darcy,† over yat y^t I have bequethed hir in my Codicell, so yat she be rowled by hir moder, my wife. Also I will yat Newsom, my receyvour, and all my officeres accomptaunts, be none oder wise charged nor compelled bot uppon yare troweth, and y^t all my servaunts, and everychone of yaime, stond be yis my last will acquyt and discharged of ony dett yat yei, or ony of yaime, owe me, except foreyne accomptaunts and servaunts accomptaunts. Also I will and bequeth yat William Manfeld, my secretar, be paide by ye handis of myne executours x. mares of money. And I will yat ye saide Manfeld have v. mares yeerly payde, endurynq his lyfe, of and in my lordship of Boxstede in Essex, as (by) my lettres patents to him afore graunted appereth, and yat Maistre William Smertt have xl s. to attende and helpe to performe yis my wyll and testament in all matters touching ye chirch and will of myne executours. And to performe yis my last will I make, name, and ordeyne myne executours Elizabeth my wife, Maistre William Scrop, my broder, Sir John Bernyngham, Tresorer of Yorke

* It would appear from this, that the Parliament robe of a peer became, upon his death, the perquisite of his servants, and that if his family wished to retain it, money was to be paid for its redemption.

† This little boy did not long remain unmarried. There is a licence at York, dated on the 23rd of January, 1460-1, authorising the marriage of William Darcy, son of Richard Darcy, the late son and heir of the Lord Darcy, with Eufemia, daughter of John Langton of Farneley, Esq. The marriage was to be celebrated in the chapel of Farneley. Young Darcy, at this time, was but eleven years of age. His mother had but a few months before taken to herself a second husband. When he grew up to man's estate, he recovered the honours and most of the lands of his family, which were his by inheritance, and which had been wrongfully detained from him by Lord Conyers and Sir James Strangeways, who had married the coheirs of his uncle, Philip Lord Darcy and Meinell.

mynster, Maistre John Marshall, Sir William Caleys, my confessour, William Tancard, serveyour of my londis, and William Manfeld, my secretar; thei takyng such rewards for yeir labour, as yei awe of right to have, for to dispose yis my last will and all my oder will for me founde with my testament, seald or unseald, as yei wold I dyd for yeir soules, yf I wer yare executours, for ye love of God and by ye waye of charite. Writen, made, and seald ye xviij. day of March, ye yeer of the Incarnacyon of our Lord God M.cccc.liij.

Sequitur billa de diversis legatis per dominum le Scrop factis diversis personis in eadem nominatis.—Johannæ Malleverer xl s. Willelmo Herryson xl s. xx marcas. Norfolk xl s. Joh. Shilton xl s. Nurysse xx s. W. Turnour xx s. Georg. xl s. or x marcs if it may be. Adam Wilson xx s. W. Newson acq. post comp. Lylton xx s. per pat. ad term. vitæ. Ric. Chambre xl s. R. Kechyn xx s. Elizabeth Gray xl s. Domino Thomæ Smyth capellano x marcs. Wyman xl s. Hanath xl s. Manfeld x marc. Ric. Horne xx s. Somerscales xiij s. iiij d. R. Abbott acq. post comp. Joh. Godebarne xx s. Ascowgh xx s. Joh. Thornenyff xx marc. Key xl s. Alison Chambre xl s. Mendfawte xl s. R. Newsom xl s. Colyn xx s. R. Cowrteby xx s. Wodburne xx s. Crokey xl s. R. Aynderby xx s.* [*Prob. test. codicilli ult. voluntatis et billæ suprascript.* 18 *Nov.* 1455.]

CLII. TESTAMENTUM MARGARETÆ DAUNAY VIDUÆ NUPER DE WALMEGATE EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Duodecimo die mensis Maii, Anno Domini M.cccc.liiij. Ego Margareta Daunay† vidua—corpus sepeliendum ubi Deus disposuerit. Lego summo altari de Snayth‡

* The above are chiefly domestics. In some instances the precise nature of their occupation is stated, as nurysse, chambre, or chamberlain, &c.

† Margaret, daughter of Sir Alexander Lound, and widow of Sir John Dawney of Escrick, who died in 1424. Her family, which acquired additional wealth and consequence by the marriage of the grandson of the testatrix with the wealthy heiress of Darell of Sessay, is at present represented by Viscount Downe.

‡ The parish church of Snaith is an extremely interesting one in its architecture, as well as its associations. It was originally appropriated to the Monastery of Selby, and within the altar-rails there is laid the grave-stone of one of the Abbats of that wealthy establishment. The stone is of magnificent proportions, but it is unfortunately despoiled of the brass with which it was once adorned. The Dawney Chapel is an addition to the south aisle of the church, and it contains some memorials of the family which erected it. In addition to the fine altar-tomb of Sir John Dawney, who died in 1493, there are in the windows of the chapel the arms of his grandson, another Sir John, impaling the bearing of his wife Dorothy, daughter of Richard Neville, Lord Latimer. There is also to be seen a surcoat painted with the arms of Newton of Snaith, Darell of Sessay, and Percy of Kildale, quarterly, with a crest of wood, gloves, and spurs suspended to the wall. The arms of Dawney, cut in stone, appear above

pro decimis oblitis vj s. viii d. Fratribus Minoribus de Doncastre pro uno trentali missarum pro anima mea vj s. viii d. Lego ad empcionem ornamentorum altaris S. Thomæ Cantuariensis in Snayth pro animabus filiorum meorum iij s. iiij d. Lego Johanni Daunay* filio meo j. blod tysshewe de serico cum argento harnesiatum et deauratum habendum sibi et heredibus suis successive imperpetuum. Katerinæ† filiæ meæ ad ejus maritagium xl l., quarum xxxv l. restant in manibus Alexandri Lounde armigeri, et v l. in manibus predicti Johannis Daunay filii mei. Et lego eidem Katerinæ unam peciam argenteam coopertam cum uno palacio in superficie depicto cum j. singula pecia argentea et j. latum cors de serico roset cum argento harnesiata et deaurata et anameled, j. cor aureum pendens super j. par precum de corall anameled, ij. annulos aureos cum duobus lapidibus preciosis in eisdem infixis, quorum unus lapis nominatur a saferstone, et alter nominatur a perile, cum j. par tyres de perle ac j. par de trussing coffers, magnam arcam meam rubeam, et j. cistam vocatam a pruce kyste cum omnibus reliquiis meis, j. folium aureum vocatum a mappill leffe, et unum cathenam auream cum j. monile aureo ornato cum perle cum j. Primario, j. monile aureum cum foliis anameled, j. pruce coffre, j. lectum pendentem coloris rubei et viridis et ij. lectos plumales, ij. bolsters et j. matriciam, iij. paria linthiaminum latitudinis ij. webbes et dim., cum ij. paribus linthiaminum, ij. paria lodicum, iiij. pillous, j. tabulam mensalem densam, j. par tristillis, ac j. ollam eneam meam secundariam vocatam a getelyngpotte, patellam meam secundariam, j. ollam enneam magnam, j. posnett continentem lagenam cum j. starte, ac unam aliam ollam vocatam a posnett cont. j. quarte, cum j. starte, de ferro, ij. patellas minores, quarum una continet ij. lagenas et altera unam, cum una patella habente ene starte, ij. verna ferrea cum j. parvo veru pro anguillis assandis, j. craticula ferrea, j. par tanges de ferro, ij. crassetes et j. rekand de ferro, dim. dos. de

each of the pillars in the nave. On the tower is a shield charged with three swans. The church contains many other interesting monuments, including a very fine one by Chantrey, to the memory of John-Christopher Viscount Downe. There are also several early slabs, from which the brasses have been torn away. On the north side of the church, opposite to the chapel of the Dawneys, is another chapel, which is appropriated to the illustrious family of Stapleton of Carlton. There, among the ashes of his ancestors, rest the remains of Thomas Stapleton, F.S.A. a gentle scion of a noble house, and an antiquary of whom Yorkshire may well be proud.

* Sir John Dawney married Agnes daughter of Guy Rocliffe of Rocliffe, by whom he had Sir Guy Dawney of Cowick, the husband of the heiress of the Darells of Sessay. Sir John died on the 20th of October, 1493, and was buried in the Dawney Chapel, in the south aisle of Snaith Church, where a fine altar-tomb, which still remains, was erected to his memory. This tomb is adorned with shields of arms, among which that of Dawney impaling Rocliffe is still conspicuous in its original colours.

† Catherine Dawney, one of the daughters of the testatrix, became the wife of Thomas Aunger, Esq. Her sister Joan married William Dallison.

garnes vessell de peltro. Et lego Johanni Daunay filio meo j. lavacrum pendens cum le synkstone. Et predictæ Katerinæ xij. cocliaria argentea, j. pelvim de auricalco cum lavatorio et ij pelves de peudour, j. coopertorium album cum aquilis depictis, ac j. aliud coopertorium cum rubeis ceris depictis. Et lego Agneti Percy unam arcam, j. lectum viz. j. coopertorium, unum par lodicum, j. par linthiaminum, j. pillowe, j. matriciam, j. parvum posnet cum le starte. Item lego Johanni Daunay filio meo j. Portiforium, unum vestimentum cum toto apparatu eidem pertinente, j. calicem cum omnibus ornamentis uni altari pertinentibus. Executores facio Johannem Daunay filium meum et Henricum Gascoigne armigeros—Et lego Alexandro Lounde j. linguam serpentinam, et eidem Henrico Gascoigne j. superaltare. Item lego prefatæ Katerinæ unum brase morter cum j. pestell ferrio, j. cistam vocatam sprusse coffer, ij. patellas meas enneas optimas. [*Prob.* 9 *Dec.* 1445.]

CLIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ ARDERN DE MARTON ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Thomas Ardern* of Marton, Squyer, beyng in my right and helefull mynde, ordeyns and disposis this my last will in fourme sewyng. First, I gyfe and dispose my saule to our Lorde Jhesu, to oure Lady Saynt Mary, to Saynt John of Bridlyngton and to all ye Sayntis in heven; and my body to be beryid in ye parish kirke of Bridlyngton. Also I gyfe my hors and harnes for my mortuary. Also I gyfe for my forgetyn tendis and offerandis to ye hye awter of my parishe kirke ij s. Also I commyt the disposicion of myne exequies and of all myne othir gudis moveable and unmovable to my wife Margaret, to Robert Thorpp of Scardeburgh and to Robert Warde of Besinby, gentilmen, whome I make myne executoures, requiryng thame on Goddis behalve that thai, als fer as any parte of my gudis may strech, myne exequies done and avyce afore writen, those gudis distribute and devyde to ye helping of my son Nicholas and

* Thomas Arden of Marton, near Bridlington, Esq., married Margaret daughter of Nicholas Gascoigne of Lasingcroft, by whom he had several children. His widow made her will on June 15, 1458, in which she desired to be buried at Bridlington, near her husband. To Anthony, her dearly beloved son, she left a gold ring with a diamond. To Nicholas, her son, all the arrears of her rents. To her daughter Elizabeth she bequeathed 40 marks and two gilt zones, one white and the other red. To her daughter Cecily 20*l.* and two gilt zones, one blood colour and the other black, and she desires that her said daughter may be advised and governed by Lady Anne Constable or Lady Isabel Greystock. To her daughter Margaret 20 marks. To her daughter Joan, a nun (monacæ), 40*s.* She leaves the residue of her property to her daughter Elizabeth, and she appoints as one of her executors Robert Constable of Flamburgh. [*Pr.* 8 *July*, 1458.]

of Elizabeth, Margaret, and Cecill my doghters. Also I gife to ich on of myne executours for thare labour xx s., thame requiryng, that yf my eldest sone thame distourbe in ye perfourmyng of this my will, that thai thane aske help of my fadir ye Priour of Bridlyngton and Robert Constable of Flaynburgh, beschyng thame on Goddis behalve and in the way of charitee to helpe to the perfourmyng thar of, and to be gude and tendre mastres to my wife, my childir, and to myne executours, whome I require as thai will ansswere to God at the day of dome to execute this my last will—made ye xiiij. day of Decembre ye yere of our Lord M.cccc.liij. [*Prob.* 16 *Jan.* 1455.]

CLIV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI RADULPHI DOMINI DE CROMWELL.

In nomine Sanctissimæ et Individuæ Trinitatis, et Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, gloriosissimæ Dei Genetricis semper Virginis Mariæ, ac Beatissimorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, Michaelis Archangeli ac Sanctorum Fabiani et Sebastiani et tocius celestis curiæ, Amen. Lacrimosæ semper mutabilis humanæ vitæ condicio in hac valle miseriæ statum firmum et permanentem non agnoscit, sed in perpetuo motu consistens occulto quodam et considerato cursu dierum ad finem naturaliter preordinatum continue labitur, non revertens; et qui visibilem pretendunt essenciam invisibiliter tendunt ad non esse, testante propheta, "*quia homo vanitati filius factus, ut flos egrediens, cito conteritur, et velud umbra pertransiunt dies ejus.*" Premissa perpendens, Ego Radulphus dominus Cromwell,* miles, et ad recentem

* Ralph, last Lord Cromwell of Tateshall, in Lincolnshire, an illustrious statesman and a distinguished man. He was sixteen years of age at his grandmother's death, in the 7th of Henry V. He was then found to be her heir, his father Ralph Cromwell having died previously. In 1434 Lord Cromwell was appointed to the responsible post of Lord High Treasurer of England: this office he held for ten years. In 1437 he became Master of the King's Mews and Falcons, and, in the same year, he was retained by the king to serve for the relief of the siege of Calais. So great and so numerous were his services to the State that, in addition to the annuity of 40*l.* which had previously been granted to him out of the Manor of Washingbro' in Lincolnshire, the king, in 1446, made a grant to him and his heirs of the office of Constable of Nottingham Castle and Steward, as well as of the Wardenship of the Forest of Sherwood with the parks of Beskwood and Clipston, to be held by fealty alone. After a long life spent in the highest honours of the State and in the possession of a princely fortune, of which he made a princely use, Lord Cromwell died on the 4th of January, 1454-5, and was buried, according to his wish, in the collegiate church of Tateshall, which he had himself erected. The brasses which were placed above him and his lady are still preserved, but the noble temple which he raised has been miserably desecrated. Lord Cromwell married Elizabeth daughter of John Lord Deincourt by the heiress of the Greys of Rotherfield, and co-heir of her brother William Lord Deincourt. She died before her lord on the 15th of September, 1454, and was buried in the church of Tateshall. As there was no issue from this match, the estates and representation of the family of Cromwell passed away to the three co-heirs of Sir

memoriam reducens et intra se mentis egritudo assistens, de bonis Divina clementissima bonitate michi collatis ad Ipsius laudem et dispensacionis meæ meritoriam racionem reddendum disponere et ordinare, ac meæ mortis indubiæ horam incertam testamentaria faccione prevenire decrevi, et de eis ordino et dispono in eum qui sequitur modum. Inprimis, si quidem in puritate et sinceritate fidei Catholicæ existens, Omnipotenti Deo et Domino nostro Jhesu Christo, per quem accessum habemus ad Deum, animam meam quam suo precioso cruore redemit lego, et eciam sibi humiliori et intenciori devocione qua possum omnimodis desideriis commendo; et corpus meum sepeliendum in medio chori ecclesiæ Collegiatæ de Tatteshall,* quousque dicta ecclesia Collegiata de Tatteshall de novo sit edificata et constructa; et tunc, postea meum corpus sit remotum et in medio chori ecclesiæ, de novo construendæ sit, sepeliendum; ita quod impedimentum in aliquo non fiat eundo et redeundo ministrantibus circa divina officia in choro predicto. Item volo et ordino primo et principaliter persoluta absque dilacione quibuscumque omnia debita mea cognita et probabilia, et ulterius cum debitis meis volo et ordino omnimodam restitucionem et reformacionem fieri ex omnibus injuriis seu gravaminibus quibuscumque scientur per me aut meos nomine meo sive proficuo meo in aliquo perpetratis. Proviso tamen, quod non propter inoportunitatem alicujus gravidam seu avidius insequentis acclamantis nulli fiat restitucio nisi ubi per venerabiles et credibiles personas injuriæ seu gravamina, ut predicitur, clare et veraciter probari possunt. Item lego custodi sive gardiano Collegii de Tatteshall predicti pro decimis meis oblitis quadraginta libras ad usum Collegii predicti distribuendas. Item lego cuilibet domui Fratrum quatuor ordinum infra villas de Lincoln et Boston decem marcas monetæ Angliæ. Summo altari ecclesiæ Cathedralis Beatæ Mariæ Lincoln. duas pelves argenteas et deauratas ibidem semper serviend'.

Richard Stanhope of Rampton, the husband of Maud, the only sister of the testator. Some account of them is appended to the will of Joan Lady Cromwell, No. XXXII.

* The church of Tateshall found a constant and zealous patron in Lord Cromwell, and it was raised by his piety and munificence to a state of splendour and magnificence which has deserved a better fate. In 1440 he obtained a licence from the king to make it collegiate. It was to contain seven priests, six secular clerks, and six choristers; and at the same time he obtained permission to found an hospital near the churchyard for thirteen poor people. This church was rebuilt at the testator's expense, and must have been a magnificent structure. The tombs of the Cromwells, which still remain, are very fine, and the windows blazed with the armorial insignia of that illustrious family and its connections. A sad tale of plunder must now be told: the greater part of this beautiful glass was removed from the windows by a Lord Fortescue, the lord of the manor, and was sent to St. Martin's Church, in Stamford Baron, as a present to the Earl of Exeter, who generously undertook to supply its place with plain glass! In the Topographer, vol. I. p. 326, there is an interesting description of the church and castle of Tateshall.

Abbathiæ de Loco Christi quadraginta libras monetæ Angliæ pro edificacione Abbathiæ predictæ. Predictæ Abbathiæ de Loco Christi unum vestimentum panni aurei rubei coloris cum tribus capis, opera ejusdem cum cervis albis. Ecclesiæ Prioratus de Markeby unum vestimentum panni aurei rubei coloris cum tribus capis et opera ejusdem sunt cum volucribus parvis. Abbathiæ de Welbek unum vestimentum viride et blodii coloris, opera sunt cum parvis volucribus. Prioratui de Novo Loco in Shirewode unum vestimentum de vellewet nigri et viridis coloris cum una capa, opera ejusdem sunt cum ramis. Prioratui de Kirkeby Villers in Comitatu Leicestrensi unum vestimentum de vellwet figulæ blodii et viridis coloris cum una capa et cum rubeis offris. Prioratui de Beauvale ordinis Cartusiensis in Comitatu Notynghamiæ unum vestimentum albi coloris precii quadraginta librarum monetæ Angliæ. Item volo quod die sepulturæ meæ celebrentur pro anima mea in ecclesia Monasterii de Loco Christi predicti tres missæ cum nota, et fiat cum nota in ecclesia Collegiata de Tatteshall, una videlicet de Trinitate, alia de Sancta Maria, et tercia de Requiem; et eodem die sepulturæ meæ disponatur per executores meos pro solempnitate circa corpus meum secundum eorum discreciones et ordinaciones, prout eis melius videbitur ordinare; ita quod non sit nimia vanitas in gubernacione ejusdem. Item volo cum omni festinacione immediate post mortem meam celebrentur pro anima mea tria millia missarum in Comitatibus Lincoln, Notinghame et Derby, quarum volo quod mille sint de Trinitate, mille de Sancta Maria, et mille de Requiem. Hujusmodi autem testamenti mei facio et constituo executores meos reverendum in Christo patrem Willelmum Episcopum Wintoniensem, Johannem Fortescu militem, Capitalem Justiciarium de Banco Regis, Johannem Portyngton unum Justiciariorum de Communi Banco, Thomam Tirell militem, Robertum Beaumont clericum, Willelmum Gulle clericum, Johannem Tailboys seniorem armigerum, Willelmum Venor, Johannem Saucheverell armigerum, Willelmum Stanlow et Johannem Leynton. Item facio et ordino reverendissimum in Christo patrem Johannem Archiepiscopum Eboracensem et Cardinalem, supervisorem hujusmodi testamenti mei.—Volo eciam quod statim post mortem meam infra tres menses, si possibile sit, omnia bona mea et catalla tam infra regnum Angliæ quam alibi in uno loco tuto et securo ponantur et custodiantur.—Et volo quod predictus Episcopus Winton. habeat unum ciphum auri precii quadraginta marcarum; Johannes Fortescu miles, Johannes Portyngton justiciarius, Thomas Tirell miles, Robertus Beaumont clericus, Johannes Tailbois senior et Willelmus Venour habeant, quilibet, unum ciphum argenti et deaurati precii viginti librarum monetæ

Angliæ; Johannes Saucheverell armiger, Willelmus Stanlow et Johannes Leynton habeant, quilibet, unum ciphum argenti precii decem librarum. Item volo quod predictus Cardinalis habeat pro supervisione testamenti mei predicti unum ciphum auri precii quadraginta marcarum. Item lego omnia alia ornamenta capellæ meæ superius non legata predicto Collegio de Tatteshall, excepta talia (*sic*) ornamenta quæ in quodam codicello voluntatis meæ ultimæ sigillo meo sigillato sunt ibidem ordinata et disposita. Residuum—in dicto codicello non distributum, illud expendi volo in reparacionibus pontium et viarum in Comitatibus Lincoln, Notingham et Derbiæ magis usitatorum et ruinosorum ac relevamine magis indigencium, liberacione sive redempcione mercatorum in dictis Comitatibus, — necnon in relevamen pauperum tenencium meorum. Datum apud Colyweston* 18 Dec. 1451.

Codicillus.—In Festo Sancti Michaelis Archangeli 1454.—Volo et ordino quod ecclesia Collegiata de Tatteshall et omnes mansiones et domus ejusdem Collegii necessariæ, cum clausuris ejusdem necessariis et convenientibus, de novo sint edificatæ et sufficienter ac decenter constructæ de bonis meis.—Et volo et ordino quod ecclesia parochialis de Lamley† cum cancello ejusdem

* A favourite residence of the testator. Lord Cromwell, who was a great builder, began to erect a stately mansion at Coly-Weston, which was afterwards completed by Margaret Countess of Richmond, the mother of Henry VII. It, as well as all the buildings which he erected, was adorned with "divers baggs or purses cutt on the stone-work of the chapel and other places." This was an allusion to his office of Lord High Treasurer. I subjoin a letter which was written from this place by Lord Cromwell to the Prior of Durham respecting an exchange of some ecclesiastical preferment :—

"Right worshipfull Sir and myn entierly betrusted frend, I recomaunde me to you. And in asmuch as Lambton and also Rodes have labored unto you as for yeschaunge of ye patronage of ye church of Kyrkeby upon Bayne in Lincolnshyre, though ye which messagez and wryttyngis at diverse tymez yf well conceyved, y^t, if so were, y myght accorde yerof w^t your brother Pryor of Seynt Leonardis in Staunford ye were well assented and agreed yerto, accordynge to ye which messagez y have comoned w^t your said broyere, ye Pryour of Seynt Leonards; and foyermore have shewed onto hym certayn lande to ye valewe of vj marc yerely, liggynge nere his lyflode in Leycestr' shyre which y^t he shall have of me in eschaunge of ye patronage of ye said church w^t ye xl s. of pencion, in so moch yat he and y bey upon ye poynt of a full agrement w^t yat, yat he may have ye good will and assente of you and of your house; wherfore y pray you, if so be y^t ye kan yink y^r self agreable herto, y^t ye will, in all ye goodly haste ye kan, sende yor wryttyng agayn of yor entent, and what ye wold yink y shulde do yerin, or ellez let hit be lefte of. And if ye will accorde and gree herto, y shall do my part to make hit sewre unto ye house as ferforth as lawe woll. And any ying y^t y kan do for you in good faith ye shall fynde me redy to performe your entente to my power. Yat knoweth God, who for his gret mercy have you ever in his blissed governaunce. Wreten at Coly Weston, ye xvij. day of Novembr.

"Rauf Lord Cromwell.

"*In dorso.*—To ye right worshipfull Sir and my right trusty frend the Pryour of Dorham." [Loc. 25 n. 136.]

† Lamley, in Nottinghamshire, had been in the possession of the Cromwells for many generations. The mother of the testator, who died in 1434, was interred in that church. The estate after Lord Cromwell's decease passed away to the family of Clifton.

de novo sit edificata et constructa de bonis meis ; et quod unus lapis marmorius cum duabus ymaginibus de auricalco ordinetur et super sepulcrum patris ac matris meorum ibidem decenter ponatur. Item volo quod tumba mea sit facta de petra marmorea, cum ymagine mea et ymagine Margaretæ nuper uxoris meæ desuper impressat' de auricalco decenter ornat' in cancello dictæ ecclesiæ Collegiatæ de Tatteshall, videlicet, in boriali parte ejusdem cancelli juxta summum altare ibidem, sicut inde in vita mea appunctavi, et quod tumba illa fiat et construatur equaliter cum pavimento ibidem. [*Pr.* 21 *Feb.* 1455-6.]

CLV. TEST. JOHANNIS GARTON NUPER DE HULL.

Feb. xxij. M.cccc.lv. Ego Johannes Garton* de Kyngeston super Hull—sep. in capella S. Trin. sub lapide marmoreo juxta Margaretam uxorem meam.—Lego xij d. ad quodlibet luminum candelarum coram imaginibus ejusdem capellæ—Lego reparacioni pavimenti inter Hull et Anlaby x l.—inter Hull et Beverlacum x l.—inter Dripole et Bilton v l.—Lego ad maritagium pauperum puellarum xx l. Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Brystweke in Holdernes v l. et j. plaustratum plumbi. Lego novæ constructioni campanilis ejusdem ecclesiæ xv l. solvendas per executores meos cum opus hujusmodi inchoatum fuerit cum effectu. Lego ecclesiæ de Wellweke in Holdernes v l. ad emendum capam, ita quod vicarius ejusdem ecclesiæ faciat suos parochianos in omnibus Dominicis specialiter orare pro me et uxore mea. Reparacioni viæ inter Hedon et Brystwekegarth x l.—inter Hedon et Thornegombold v l. Fabricæ capellæ de Thornegombold v l. [*Prob.* 17 *Mar.* 1455-6.]

CLVI. TESTAMENTUM HUGONIS HERCY ARMIGERI.

August 21, 1455. Ego Hugo Hercy de Grove,† senior, armiger—sep. in ecclesia Sanctæ Elenæ de Grove. Rectori ejusdem

* The testator was probably connected with the Gartons of Garton in Holderness. On the 5th of August, 1468, Thomas Garton of Garton, Esq. makes his will, in which he desires to be buried in the church of St. Michael the Archangel, at Garton. He mentions his brother, William Garton. Agnes, sister and co-heir of William Garton, married into the family of Gower, who thus became possessed of the manor.

† The family of Hercy of Grove was equalled in antiquity and distinction by few of the great Nottinghamshire houses. The testator married Elizabeth, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Simon Leeke, of Cotham, Esq. by whom he had issue. The will of Sir Thomas Hercy, the father of the testator, has been printed in the first volume of the York Wills. His widow Catherine is said by Thoroton to have remarried Sir John Constable of Flambrough. He calls her a daughter of Sir Thomas

ecclesiæ meum optimum equum cum araya sua conveniente gradui meo, nomine principalis mei. Item lego sex libras ceræ ardendas ad exequias meas in die sepulturæ meæ. Summo altari ejusdem pro decimis oblitis vj s. viij d. Et fabricæ dictæ ecclesiæ iij s. iiij d. Hugoni * filio meo—unum lectum integrum, unum salarium optimum de argento pro sale imponendo, unum craterem coopertum de argento et deaurat' et unum alium craterem coopertum de argento, duodecim cocliaria argenti, unam mappam cum manutergiis de clothe of warke, unum calicem, unum Missale, unum Portuse de usu Eboracensi cum uno corporax et araya altaris in capella infra manerium de Grove situata, duas ollas æneas in coquina, videlicet, grete gybbe et aliam meliorem—Elizabethæ Crecy filiæ Hugonis Crecy armigeri duodecim oves matrices—Residuum Elizabethæ uxori meæ, quam cum Ricardo Willuby armigero, Roberto Badeley rectore de Gamilton et Willelmo Spencer facio executores meos. Datum apud Grove. [*Prob.* 9 *April*, 1456-7.]

CLVII. TESTAMENTUM MARGARETÆ KIRKETON DE EBOR VIDUÆ.

23 March, 1455-6. Margaretæ Kirketon † de Ebor. vidua—sep. in choro Beatæ Mariæ Virginis infra ecclesiam meam parochialem Sanctæ Crucis Ebor., juxta corpus Ricardi Knyght ‡ quondam viri mei.—Nicholao Danby chandiller illas duas hersias cum le karoll ad artificium de chandiller craft pertinent' in manibus ejusdem Nicholai. Aliciæ Barton famulæ Johannis Catrik civis et mercatoris Ebor., filii mei, unam togam de violet penulatam cum popill, unum lectum de sago browdered. Willelmo Blysse capellano unam murram cum uno browne shell. Margaretæ Paulyn famulæ meæ quinque ollas æneas, exceptis uno parvo

Comberford. Her real name, however, was Cumberworth, and her second husband was Sir Marmaduke, not Sir John, Constable. Sir Marmaduke died in 1404. According to the Visitation of 1584, Catherine Cumberworth became the wife of Sir Thomas Hercy, after the death of Sir Marmaduke Constable.

* Hugh Hercy, Esq., the testator's heir, married Margery daughter of Mr. Justice Bingham. He left children by her, but the main line of his family ended in co-heirs in his great grandchildren, in the reign of Elizabeth.

† Widow of Richard Kirkton of York, merchant. Her husband, by his will, dated June 6, 1445, left to John Cateryk, citizen and merchant of York, "unum plocke, videlicet, baslardum, et unum nodder de scarleto." To Margaret his wife, the testatrix, he bequeathed his lands and tenements in Hull, "cum uno wedrecote ibidem." Richard Knight was the first husband of the testatrix.

‡ Richard Knight, citizen and chandler of York, made his will Sept. 10, 1435. By it he bequeathed to his daughter Agnes a zone with a chain of silver, a zone with letters, a pair of beads of silver with a crucifix and ring of silver, a pair of beads of chrystal, a pair of beads of amber with a crucifix gilt, two pair of beads of jet with gaudes of silver, and another pair of beads of coral with silver gaudes. He mentions his daughter Joan, wife of John Catterick, and Wm. Couper pynner.

posnet, una patella stante cum sera et resina cum auribus plicabilibus dictis falden eeres—Residuum Johanni Catrik et Johannæ uxori suæ filiæ meæ. [*Prob.* 25 *May*, 1456.]

CLVIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS TERYNGTON RECTORIS DE BARNESTON.

In Dei nomine — Ult. Maii M.cccc.lvj. Ego Johannes Teryngton rector eccles. de Barneston — sepel. in eccles. de Barneston. Lego summo altari ejusdem ecclesiæ j. liniam albam cum amita et parowres illi consutis. Lego ad emendum j. chesable cum stola et fanone xiij s. iiij d. Lego ad fabricam S. Petri Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Rubiæ archæ Sancti Johannis Beverlaci iij s. iiij d. Agneti sorori meæ iij s. iiij d., togam meam cum cuniculis penulatam. Thomæ Monceaux vj s. viij d. [*Prob.* 24 *June*, 1456.]

CLIX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS CLYFF CAPELLANI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Decimo die mensis Julii, Anno Domini M.cccc.lv. Ego Johannes Clyff capellanus cantariæ ad altare B. Mariæ in ecclesia Omnium Sanctorum in Northstrett Ebor.—in ecclesia Omn. Sanct. predicta juxta sepulcrum matris meæ sepeliendum. Lego domino Nicholao Clyff capellano fratri meo liberum usum Missalis et Portiphorii meorum ad terminum vitæ suæ. Et post ejus mortem volo quod vendantur, et quod pecunia pro anima mea disponatur et ministretur. Item lego eidem domino Nicholao fratri meo usum vestimenti mei de albo fustian cum rubeis orfrayes ad terminum vitæ suæ, et post ejus decessum volo quod remaneat et liberetur altari cantariæ meæ predictæ. Lego ad usum altaris cantariæ meæ unum vestimentum rubeum de panno auri, cum condicione, quod successor meus scribat aut scribere faciat nomen meum in Missali ibidem cito post mortem meam et oret devote pro anima mea. Lego ad usum altaris S. Jacobi in eadem ecclesia unum vestimentum glaucum cum nigris orfrayes pulverizatis cum auro, et unum aliud vestimentum cum rubeis orfrayes pulverizatis les garters, ac totum apparatum sive ornamentum altaris de motlay, ut capellani celebrantes ad idem altare continue orent pro anima mea.—Lego Johanni Burton barbar zonam meam de serico argento ornatam, ita quod solvat executoribus meis xx s. Volo quod omnia jocalia mea et libri mei non legati vendantur cuicunque vel quibuscunque illa carius vendi poterint, et quod pecunia pro anima mea et animabus etc. fideliter disponatur. [*Prob.* 9 *Jul.* 1456.]

CLX. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ FULTHORP MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xiij. die mensis Augusti, Anno Dom. M.cccc.lvj. Ego Thomas Fulthorp,* miles, unus Justiciariorum domini Regis de Communi Banco—corpus sepeliendum in eccles. Cath. B. Petri Ebor. Lego rectori eccles. par. S. Cuthberti in Peseholme in Civ. Ebor. optimam meam togam cum capicio, nomine et pro mortuario meo, prout moris est in Civitate predicta. Priori et Conventui Fratrum Carm. in Civ. Ebor. xx s. Cuilibet ordini Fratrum Mend. in Civ. pred. vj s. viij d. Priori et Conv. Fr. Mend. de Allerton xiij s. iiij d. Priori et Conventui de Yarom xx s. Priori et Conv. de Hertilpole xx s. Cuilibet ordini Fratr. Mend. in Novo Castro super Tynam vj s. viij d. Nicholao Sayer servienti meo xx s. Ricardo Thorneff xx s. Willelmo Artas xx s. Johanni Smyth xx s. Henrico Coke iij s. iiij d. Johannæ Aggleson vj s. viij d. Facio executores Willelmum Bulmer armigerum, Johannem Paghayne—debita mea cum recepta fuerint, deliberentur Margaretæ Soureby ad ejus usum et Rogeri, Isabellæ et Annæ filii et filiarum ejusdem. [*Prob.* 3 *Maii*, 1457.]

CLXI. TESTAMENTUM MAGISTRI JOHANNIS BARNYNGHAM NUPER THESAURARII ECCLESIÆ CATHEDRALIS EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. 29 March, 1457. Ego Johannes Barnyngham,† thesaurarius ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eboracensis, com-

* Son of Sir William Fulthorp of Tunstall, in the Bishopric of Durham, by Isabella, daughter of Ralph Lord Lumley. On the 8th of November, 1439, he was appointed one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas. This office he held till his death.

† The aged treasurer of York, a man of no ordinary ability and energy of character. On the 25th of October, 1426, soon after the accession of his patron Archbishop Kempe to the see of York, John Berningham was appointed to the prebendal stall of Wetwang. He succeeded Robert Wolveden in the office of treasurer on the 17th of September, 1432. On the 26th of March, 1435, he was chosen a canon of Beverley in the place of John Wodham, and on the 8th of February, 1449-50, he became rector of the rich living of Bolton Percy. The last office to which he was preferred was the Provostship of the College of St. John of Beverley, which was vacated by the death of Robert Rolleston, whose will has previously occurred. He received his appointment on the 14th of January, 1450-1. In addition to these offices Berningham held many other benefices. Berningham was now growing old, and the remainder of his days seems to have been spent in comparative retirement. His will, which is drawn up with the greatest care, is evidently the result of many an hour of thought and deliberation, and it is a fitting termination to the career of its pious and energetic writer. He died shortly after the making of his will, and was buried, as he desired, among his brother treasurers in the Minster at York. His executors were not released from their duty till the 22nd of August, 1459. The testator left a legacy of 50*l.* to the fabric of the cathedral, and the south-west tower, in which the bells are hung, probably owes its erection in a considerable degree to his munificent bequest. His name is inscribed

pos mentis et sanus corpore, cernens occulata fide varios eventus qui indies accidunt humanæ miseriæ, advertensque senectutem meam grandem ac alia multa signa mortis vitæ meæ imminencia, et nolens decedere intestatus, set volens de bonis michi a Deo collatis ad exoneracionem conscienciæ pro salute animæ meæ disponere, facio, ordino et condo testamentum meum, ultimam meam voluntatem continens, in hunc modum. Inprimis do, lego et commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Creatori meo, ejusque ineffabili et infinitæ misericordiæ, Beatissimæ Mariæ Virgini, ac gloriosissimis Apostolis, Petro, Paulo et Andreæ, Patronis meis, et Omnibus Sanctis; cadaverque meum infirmum sepeliendum juxta tumbam Sancti Willelmi in ecclesia Cathedrali Ebor. predicta, videlicet ex parte australi predictæ tumbæ prope predecessores meos thesaurarios ipsius ecclesiæ ibidem sepultos. Item volo quod expensæ meæ funerales non fiant secundum inanem et secularem pompam mundi, set secundum piam, moderatam et honestam executorum meorum discrecionem; videlicet, in celebracione missarum, refeccione pauperum, et elemosinarum largicione. Item volo quod mille missæ de Requiem cum Placebo, Dirige et Commendacione, cicius quo fieri poterit post mortem meam, celebrentur pro salute animæ meæ, et animarum Johannis et Agnetis parentum meorum, ac eciam pro anima Johannis nuper Cardinalis Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, necnon benefactorum meorum et omnium fidelium defunctorum: et quod quilibet presbiter secularis vel regularis, ut predicitur, dicens Placebo, Dirige cum Commendacione et missa habeat iiij d. Summa xvj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item lego l li. ad usum ecclesiæ Eboracensis reponendas in thesaurario, levandas et solvendas de porcionibus et communibus meis debitis et debendis michi pro anno proxime post mortem meam. Item lego cuilibet canonico in ecclesia Eboracensi interessenti in exequiis meis et missa de Requiem in die obitus mei vj s. viij d. Item cuilibet personæ et vicario dictæ ecclesiæ consimiliter ut supra interessenti iij s. iiij d. Item cuilibet diacono et subdiacono dictæ ecclesiæ dicenti Placebo et Dirige et interessenti ut supra xx d. Item cuilibet thuribulario et choristæ interessenti ut supra xij d. Item utrique clerico de vestibulo iij s. iiij d. Item cuilibet sacristæ ij s. Item lego ad usum ecclesiæ Cathedralis Londinensis unam capam de panno aureo per executores meos emendam, valoris x li. Item lego ad usum ecclesiæ Beverlaci unam crucem argenteam deauratam

in large characters upon the upper part of the tower. I may here be permitted to state that a history of the officers of the church of York, which was commenced by a late dignitary of that cathedral, is now being completed, and need hardly say that it will contain much novel and interesting information, the fruit of a long and laborious industry.

quam nuper emi ab executrice Domini de le Scrop.* Item volo quod unus honestus et bonæ conversacionis capellanus absque aliqua affeccione carnali, assumendus juxta consciencias executorum meorum, celebret in ecclesia Ebor. per viginti annos proxime post mortem meam pro salute animæ meæ, ac Johannis et Agnetis parentum meorum, ac eciam Johannis quondam Cardinalis Eboracensis Archiepiscopi, necnon Thomæ fratris mei, capellani, defuncti, habeat annuatim pro salario suo octo marcas, et dicat cotidie pro animabus supradictis Placebo et Dirige cum ix. Lecionibus et Commendacione. Summa cvj li. xiij s. iiij d. Item lego ecclesiæ parochiali de Frekenham juxta Mildenale infra diocesim Norvicensem, ubi quondam fui rector, lxvj s. viij d. ; pro calice, libro vel aliquo alio ornamento in dicta ecclesia pro servicio Divino necesssario, et xx s. distribuendos inter antiquos pauperes parochianos ibidem. Item ad usum ecclesiæ parochialis de Lymmesfeld juxta Croydon in diocesi Wintoniensi, ubi quondam fui rector, decem marcas, pro calice, libro vel aliquo alio ornamento in dicta ecclesia pro servicio Divino necessario. Item lego ad fabricam navis ecclesiæ de Wolverhampton c s. Item lego xl s. pro obitu meo celebrando in ecclesia predicta de Wolverhampton, lxvj s. viij d. distribuendos ibidem inter pauperes et presertim inter pauperes tenentes meos ejusdem dominii. Item lego venerabili confratri meo Magistro Stephano Wilton,† Archdiacono Clyveland, unam peciam altam deauratam chased legatam michi in testamento Magistri Johannis Selow, ponderantem xxj. uncias vel circiter. Item venerabili confratri meo Magistro Johanni Marshall unam peciam altam coopertam et deauratam ad modum campanæ fabricatam cum chapelett sculpto in cooperculo et alio chapelett sculpto in pede, ponderantem circiter xxj. uncias. Item Magistro Willelmo Langton rectori ecclesiæ parochialis Sancti Michaelis juxta pontem Use in Eboraco, unum librum vocatum Barnardum super Cantica, 3° fo. *mul* etc. Item domino Johanni Knapton, subthesaurario ecclesiæ Eboracensis, unam crucem pro altari, stantem, deauratam, ponderis xij. unc' iij. quartrons. Item domino Willelmo Betson rectori ecclesiæ parochialis de Patryngton unam calicem deauratam nuper emptam ab executoribus domini Johannis Appilton,‡ pond' xiij. unc. Item Ma-

* Elizabeth, widow and executrix of John Lord Scrope of Masham, who was buried in York Minster in 1455. His widow appears to have parted with some of the family plate, some of which came into the possession of her father Sir Thomas Chaworth of Wiverton, co. Notts. He mentions it in his will, which will soon occur. Berningham, the testator, was one of the executors appointed in Lord Scrope's will.

† A full account of Master Stephen Wilton has already been given. Some notices also of John Marshall have occurred previously.

‡ Sub-treasurer of York, canon in the Chapel of the Blessed Mary and of the Holy Angels in that city, and rector of Stokesley. He died in the cathedral close, and was buried, as he desired, in the Minster at the foot of the tomb of Sir William Garland, chaplain. He died in 1453-4.

gistro Thomæ Minskep clerico, de Beverlaco, unam peciam altam argenti in parte deauratam chased cum aquila in summitate cooperculi, pond' circiter xviij. unc. Item domino Willelmo Cok rectori ecclesiæ parochialis de Brandesburton unam calicem deauratam, sed cum diversis ymaginibus in pede et scriptura in patena, **Spes mea in Deo est,** pond' xiij. unc. di. ; et unum salarium argenti cum circumferenciis deauratis, pond' xv. unc., ac eciam xij. cocliaria argenti cum knoppe3 deauratis, pond' x. unc. di. Item domino Abello Lyvermer capellano unum ciphum argenti deauratum chased cum pomello in summitate cooperculi ad modum alborum (*sic*) filiorum fabricato, pond' circiter ij li. Item domino Willelmo Bulkyn rectori ecclesiæ parochialis de Kirkby in Hundendale, unam peciam argenti in pede deauratam chased cum aquila in summitate cooperculi, pond' xvij. unc. di. vel circiter, ac Portiforium quod nuper emi ab executoribus domini Johannis Warter, 2° fo. *cenam domini.* Item vicariis meis in ecclesia Eboracensi iiij li., videlicet, utrique eorum xl s. Item domino Johanni Mathew xl s. Johanni Ellerkar remitto xl s. quos michi debet ex causa mutui per me sibi traditi xij° die Marcii, anno regni Henrici sexti etc. xvij° ; et eciam iiij li. per ipsum michi debitas de arreragiis suis, ut patet in compoto thesaurariæ. Edwardo Gower lxvij s. viij d. Roberto Thwing iiij li.—Willelmo Belacis lxvj s. viij d. Roberto Marshall servitori meo apud Wilton xl s.—Vicariis ecclesiæ Cathedralis Ebor. ad reparacionem tenementorum suorum x li. Item lego distribuend' inter pauperes die obitus mei celebrandi in ecclesia Ebor. xx li. Item cuilibet ordinum Fratrum Mendicancium in Eboraco xx s. Item monialibus de Clementhorp xx s. Item lego vestimentum meum de panno aureo rubeo videlicet albam, amictam, stolam, manipulum, casulam et duos alterclothes ejusdem panni ad usum ecclesiæ de Shirburn in Elmett. Item lego ecclesiæ de Alne magnum Missale meum, 2° fo. *Deo exercitum.* Item ecclesiæ de Acom vestimentum meum de viridi damask cum toto apparatu, duos alterclothe3 ejusdem panni, et magnum Portiforium meum notatum, 2° fo. *memento celi*, ut servicium Divinum ibidem honestius fieri valeat. Item lego librariæ Eboracensi unum librum cum Sermonibus Dominicalibus per totum annum editis per Jacobum de Voragine Archiepiscopum Jannensem, 2° fo. *sicut pelles*, et librum vocatum Compendium Morale, 2° fo. *in nobis verificetur.* Item xx li. distribuendas juxta discrecionem executorum meorum inter pauperes infra thesaurariam ecclesiæ Eboracensis et presertim inter pauperes tenentes meos infra dictam thesaurariam commorantes.—x li. infra pauperes tenentes meos infra prepositurum Beverlacensem. Et lego c s. pro obitu meo in ecclesia Collegiata Sancti Johannis Beverlaci

celebrando et xl s. inter pauperes in eadem villa die obitus mei. Item volo quod tenementa mea quæ nuper emi apud Shirburn et Alne vendantur, et precium eorundem disponatur pro salute animæ meæ. — Executores magistrum Stephanum Wilton, magistrum Willelmum Langton, dominum Johannem Knapton, dominum Willelmum Betson et dominum Willelmum Cok, et lego cuilibet eorum c s. [*Prob.* 28 *May*, 1457.]

CLXII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI ALEXANDRI NEVILE MILITIS.

In the name of Jhesus Crist, Amen. Be it knawne to al men yat seis or heris yis present writing, that on Michelmesday, the yere of King Henri the sext eftir the conquest xxxij, I Alex. Nevile,* knyght, in hole mynde and hele of bode, settis and ordandis my testamentt in ye maner that folous: That is to say, I wite my saule to Jhesus Criste, besching hym thorou the mediacion of oure Lade Saynt Mare and all the Sayntis in hevyn and the praiers and the sufferagis of all holi kirk, and the vertue of his passion he sufferd for me un the crosse, to receyve my saule to the blice he bough it to; and my body to be berid in Saynt Mare kirke the Old att Saynt Nicholas auter before the stall quer I sitt at mese, and thane I witt a corse present to be takyn of my gudis, silke as the custom of the kirk of the cite of York requires, to be gifen to God and kirk; and than I will my dettis be paid withoute delay of ye first penies that may be rerid of my hole gude. Also I will that the Coventt of the house of Newburght have vj l. xiij s. iiij d. to do a Dirige and a Mese the tyme and the day of myn enterment. Also I will that the Covent of Saynt Mare Abbay to do the same have xl s. Also I will the Covent of the Trinitis house at Yorke have for the same iij l. Also the Covent of Saynt Andrews have xx s. for the same. Also the Covent of the house of Clementhorp have for the same xx s. Also the Covett of the house of Biland have for the same xx s. Also the Covent of the house of Fountans have for the same xx s. Also the Covent of Saynt Robertis of Knaresburgh for the same xx s. Also to the iiij. Coventis of the Freris at Yorke ilkone

* Sir Alexander Neville of Thornton Bridge, son of Sir Ralph Neville of Cundal, in Richmondshire, and grandson of Ralph Lord Neville of Raby. This branch of the great family of Neville, about which there is but little known, did not flourish long. It ended in the early part of the reign of Henry VIII. in three co-heirs. The testator appears to have kept up some state in his household, but the declaration of his executors does not impress us with any high notion of his providence. His widow, the Lady Catherine Neville, whose maiden name has not yet been ascertained, did not long survive her husband. On the 31st of August, 1459, Richard Percy, son of the Earl of Northumberland, administers to her effects.

xx s. iiij d. Also to the Covent of the Freris of Allerton for the same to have xiij s. iiij d. Also to the Covent of the Freris of Richmond for the same xiij s. iiij d. Also the Covent of the Freris of Hertilpole have for the same xiij s. iiij d. Also to prestis and clerkis in the parich kirkis in York, that lij. parich kirkis, ilkone for ye same, have iij s. iiij d., summa viij l. xiij s. iiij d. Also I will the prestis and clerkis at Condale kirk have iij s. iiij d. for the same. Also the prestis and clerkis of Braferton kirk have iij s. iiij d. for the same. Also the prestis and clerkis of Saynt Mary kirk the Olde have xiij s. iiij d. for the same. Also the prestis and clerkis at Kirkby on the More have iij s. iiij d. for the same. Also the prestis and clerkis of the Colleg of Ripon have xx s. for the same. Also prestis and clerkis of Aldburgh have iij s. iiij d. for the same. Also prestis and clerkis of Awnekirk have iij s. iiij d. for the same. Also I will that thare be gyfen to the kirke warke of Cundale xx s. Also to the kirk wark of Braferton xx s. Also to Saynt Peter wark at York xl s. Also to Saynt Antonye wark there xiij s. iiij d. Also I will that ilke a gentilman my servand have beside his hire xl s. and ilke a yoman xxvj s. viij d., and ilke a grome xx s.: this is my estimacion xij l. Also I will that ilkone of myn executours that ministres have to his reward for his travell iij l. vj s. viij d., sum x l. Also I will that the day of myn enterment be giffyn to pure men, women and childir x l., to ilkone j d. Also I will that Saynt Christofor gild have of my gude xl s., and Saynt Mary gild xiij s. iiij d. Also I will that thare be spendid at myn enterment in mete and drinke, wax torchis and odir thingis necessar xx l. Also I will that all the residue of all my gude that remanys over my legate, as it is wrytyn abowne, I will and ordayne that it be spendid in hiring of prestis to syng in Saynt Mare kirk the Old, as far as it the said residue will perfourme. And to fulfill and execute this my testament and will I ordane and constitut my executours Richerd, parson of Saynt Mary kirk the Olde, John Dawtre the esquier, to fullfill, ministre and execute my said will, whome I pray and requires on Godis behalfe to take on thaime the occupacion trewly to fulfill my said will and ilk a parcell thare of as it is abowne writyn at your pure, (*sic*) and that at reverence of God in the vertue of charite. In the witnes that this is my will and my testament I have sete my seele. Writyn the day and yere abowne said with my aune hand writyn. [*Probatum fuit presens testamentum xxv. die mensis Junii* A.D. M.CCCC.*lvij*. *Et postea*, *xxiiij. die Septembris Anno Dom. supradicto*, *executores prenominati comparentes et considerantes dictum defunctum ere alieno multipliciter gravatum ac varia facta et acta per eum in vita sua multiformiter intricata*, *non audentes se immiscere administracioni bonorum*

suorum, onus dicti testamenti admittere recusarunt. Et incontinenti eodem die commissa fuit administracio omnium bonorum ipsius, ut ab intestato defuncti, racione recusacionis executorum predictorum, Willelmo Nevile armigero filio et heredi ipsius defuncti, magistro Willelmo Eure clerico, et Henrico Eure armigero, administratoribus in bonis ejusdem auctoritate ordinarii deputatis, juratis, etc.*]

CLXIII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI WARDALL DE SCARDEBURGH.

Jul. xij. M.cccc.lvij. Ego Robertus Wardall burgensis villæ de Scardeburgh—sepel. in eccles. par. de Scardeburgh prope fontem, ubi Hugo Rasen quondam magister scolarum grammaticalium sepultus fuit.

CLXIV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS RODES FISSHMANGER.

Sep. j. M.cccc.lvij. Ego Johannes Rodes de Eboraco fisshmanger—sep. infra eccles. meam par. S. Mich. Archangeli juxta pontem Use.—Lego Willelmo Rodes fratri meo, commoranti apud Blythe, j. togam coloris blodii penulatam, j. capucium coloris nigri, j. zonam argentatam cum argento, j. gestrum argentatum, ij. cocliaria argenti, j. tunicam vocatam le jak, j. salett, j. arcum cum sagittis, et xx s. Agneti Monkton servienti meæ j. zonam argentatam cum argento cum j. chyne eidem zonæ pertinente.—Lego Thomæ Dauson apprenticio meo j. naviculam vocatam le Showte. Margaretæ uxori meæ, de parte mea michi divisa post appreciacionem factam x l. sterl., j. cogship et terminos meos in domo de le stathe juxta le salt hole sub pontem Use.

CLXV. TESTAMENTUM ADÆ DE TYLDESLEY.

Die Lunæ proxime post exaltacionem Sanctæ Crucis 1457. Ego Adam Tyldesley† filius Thomæ Tyldesley de Hilton, Coventriæ et Lich' diocesios—sep. in ecclesia Collegiata Beatæ Mariæ Suthwell—Benjamyn Worsley unam togam talarem quæ est Londoniis. Laurencio Hilton meam optimam togam blodii coloris. Agneti sorori meæ septem cocliaria argentea quæ fuerunt patris mei, modo in custodia Domini Hugonis Wrightyngton de

* William Neville of Thornton Bridge, Esq. Sir Alexander's eldest son, died in 1468-9. By his will he desires to be buried in the choir of St. Mary Bishophill senior in York, the church in which his father had been buried.

† The Tyldesleys were a Lancashire family of some eminence and consideration.

Maincestre. Georgio fratri meo et matri ejusdem xxvj s. viij d. Item lego vj s. viij d. pro uno lapide reponendo super sepulcrum patris mei in Ecclesia de Deven. Item volo quod testamentum domini Randal fratris mei impleatur. Johannæ filiæ Johannis Hilton de Manncestre vj s. viij d. in maritagium suum. Adæ Prestall gladium meum cum pelta. Item volo quod Robertus Holyns famulus in coquina domini mei habeat de utensilibus meis existentibus in bogez meis ad valorem xij d. Ricardo Worsley arcum meum et sagittas meas pennatas cum albis plumis. Gilberto Asshton sellam meam cum freno. Item lego Portiforium meum existens in custodia Galfridi Partyngton ecclesiæ de Dene. Item Thomæ Boton clerico unam togam presbiteralem quæ est in custodia Hawkyn Hylton apud Maincestre. Roberto Cressy unam virgatam de kersey nigri coloris. [*Pr.* 10 *Jan.* 1457-8.]

CLXVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI THOMÆ ALEBY RECTORIS DE KIRKBY IN CLEVELAND.

Feb. v. Cal. M.cccc.lvij. Ego Thomas Aleby * rector eccles. par. S. Augustini Episcopi de Kirkby in Clyveland—sep. infra chorum.—Lego ad distribuendum pauperibus in die sepulturæ meæ, viz. in frumento et siligine viij. quarteria. Item in carbonibus simili modo viij. qu. Item lego fabricæ cujusdam revestarii edificandi juxta chorum xxvj s. viij d. sub condicione quod si parochiani predictum revestarium edificent, aliter non. Item lego sub eadem condicione cooperturæ ejusdem revestarii quoddam plumbum in fornace cum quodam webbe de plumbo. Item lego fabricæ cujusdam sepulcri noviter faciendi vj s. viij d. Item lego pro coopertura ejusdem sepulcri quemdam pannum de serico. Item fabricæ cujusdam feretri noviter faciendi pro corporibus importandis vj s. viij d.—Lego ecclesiæ predictæ j. Missale. Ricardo Mildenall vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ consanguineo meo j. librum vocatum Portus. Capellæ de Cokemanthorpp j. librum cum Placebo et Dirige et Sanctificacione Aquæ notatum.—Willelmo Aleby consanguineo meo j. librum Grammaticalem, j. Primarium, j. librum de Placebo et Dirige. [*Prob.* 25 *Feb.* 1457-8.]

* A member of a respectable Cleveland family. Thomas Aleby of Little Broughton, in the parish of Kirkby in Cleveland, gen. by his will, dated on the 9th of August, 1456, desired to be buried in the choir of the church of St. Augustine the Bishop. He makes his mother Emmot, William Aleby, Ellen his wife, and Sir Thomas Aleby, vicar of Kirkby (the testator), his executors.

CLXVII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ ELENÆ PORTYNGTON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo die mensis Novembris Anno Domini M.cccc.lvij. Ego domina Elena * nuper uxor Johannis Portyngton † nuper unius Justiciariorum Domini Regis de Banco, condo testamentum meum—corpus ecclesiasticæ sepulturæ in ecclesia Sancti Michaelis de Estrington juxta Houeden. Lego in cera circa corpus meum comburenda die sepulturæ meæ tantum et presbiteris—et in distribucione ecclesiis et pauperibus, xx marcas. Lego Johanni Portyngton filio meo primogenito duos boviculos, duas vaccas et ij. strikkis de stauro meo in Holmecarr. Et do et condono eidem Johanni omnia debita, transgressiones, sive contemptus michi debita, sive facta per eundem Johannem. Et lego Alasiæ uxori ejusdem Johannis, j. par precularum de argento et deaurato. Et do et lego iiij. presbiteris idoneis et honestis in ecclesia de Estryngton per quinque annos, cuilibet per annum iiij l. vel minus. Et do et lego magistro Thomæ Portyngton ‡ j. fedirbed super quod jacet, vj. coopertoria et tria paria linthiaminum. Lego Julianæ Portyngton j. par precularum de auro, j. annulum aureum cum una petra viridi. Lego Roberto Portyngton § filio meo unum plaustrum, iiij. boves, ij. equos optimos apud Risseby in Com. Linc. cum toto harnasio eidem

* This lady was a sister of Thomas Crosse, and in her earlier years was connected with the establishment of the last Lady de Mauley. She became the last of the many wives of Sir John Portington of Portington, one of the Justices of the Court of Common Pleas. No other will of any member of this family has as yet occurred. The present document makes many alterations in the pedigree which is given by Thoresby. After Sir John Portington's death the testatrix took the veil. The Archbishop of York sanctions her resolution by his licence, dated 20th July, 1454.

† Sir John Portington was an eminent lawyer. He is stated in his will to have been a Justice of the King's Bench. He appears however in the printed list as a Justice in the Court of Common Pleas. Sir John was intimately connected with the Prior and Convent of Durham, who were eager to avail themselves of his patronage and legal knowledge. He held several offices under them in Howdenshire, and the treasury at Durham contains his correspondence with the officers of that church.

‡ Thomas Portington, M.A. received the licence of the Archbishop of York to take orders Feb. 11, 1453-4. He did not remain long without preferment, for which he was probably indebted to the patronage of Sir John Portington. On the 7th of March, 1457-8, we find him resigning the rectory of Bliburgh, in Lincolnshire, and the chaplaincy of the free chapel of "Sheryng," near London, for the provostship of the College of Hemmingbro'. On the 29th of July, 1470, he was made Canon of Apesthorpe in the Church of York, and in 1477 he became treasurer of that church. He died in 1485.

§ Robert Portington, Esq. of Barnby Don, in right of his wife Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Robert Paslew. He was a warm partizan of the house of York, and was killed in his own house at Barnby in an attack which was made upon it by the officers of the county, who had been commissioned to arrest him after the battle of Stoke. His widow Margaret Portington, a second wife, strove in vain to obtain redress. Mr. Hunter gives an interesting account of this incident, which the reader will find detailed in the History of South Yorkshire, i. 202.

plaustro pertinente. Et do eidem unam carucam, iiij. equos ibidem de optimis et totum harnasium. Et omnes multones et agnos meos apud Portyngton, exceptis c. ovibus matricibus sicut currunt, Johanni Bernetby inferius legatis. Et eidem Roberto unam ollam eneam apud Newland, ij. ollas eneas apud Anlaby de optimis ollis juxta ollas Nicholao Portyngton legatas, j. lectum rubeum pendentem integrum, j. fedirbed, vj. coopertoria, vj. paria linthiaminum, j. par blankettis cum coveryng de rubeo, j. garnyssh de pewdyr wessell apud Newland, xij. cocliaria argentea. Et lego Elizabethæ uxori dicti Roberti unum mantill nigri coloris penulatum cum boges. Et lego Nicholao Portyngton ij. carectas apud Anlaby, ij. carucas ibidem, omnes equos et equas et omnia harnas eisdem pertinentia. Lego eidem Nicholao iiij^{xx}. agnos vocatos hoggis apud Anlaby, vj. vaccas ad lac, j. lectum integrum pendentem de viridi et rubeo, j. fedirbed, viij. coopertoria, vj. paria linthiaminum, j. par blanketts, maximam ollam eneam, secundam ollam et terciam ollam eneas, optimam patenam, galows, rakkis, spittis de ferro in coquina ibidem, j. garnyssh de pewder wessell, omnia vasa pertinentia ad brasionem, xij. cocliaria argentea, viij. quarteria frumenti, si tanta remaneant ultra expensas necessarias, xx quarteria ordei. Et lego Elizabethæ uxori dicti Nicholai unam togam coloris blodii penulatam cum menever, j. novam zonam argenteam et deauratam ejusdem coloris, j kirtyll de scarlett, et j. cellam rubeam cum harnasio de factura London. Et volo quod idem Nicholaus ex sua bona gubernacione habeat meliora regard' secundum voluntatem executorum meorum. Et lego ad maritagium Elenæ filiæ Johannis Hawdenby c s. Et lego Isabellæ* uxori Johannis Hawdenby j. togam de murray penulatam cum martis. Et Johanni Barnetby c. oves matrices apud Portyngton depascentes sicut currunt, iij. vaccas ad lac apud Anlaby. Et Margaretæ uxori dicti Johannis j. togam de cremesyn penulatam cum grey. Et Edwardo Saltmersh† j. fedirbed, vj. coopertoria, iij. paria linthiaminum, et uxori ejusdem j. togam de scarlett penulatam cum martis. Et Waltero Grymston ‡ pro pueris suis ad scolas sustentandis vj l. argenti solvendas infra iij. annos a dato obitus mei. Et Elizabethæ Grymston j. togam de scarlett penulatam cum menever. Et lego Thomæ Crosse fratri meo iiij. libras recipiendas ad manus Roberti

* Daughter of Mr. Justice Portington and wife of John Haldanby of Haldanby, by whom she had issue.

† Edward Saltmarsh, of Thorgamby, Esq. He was intimately connected with the Portingtons, and his will, which is dated 1481, was made in the Close of York, in the house of Mr. Treasurer Portington. His wife was Anne Portington, Sir John's daughter, by whom he had many children.

‡ Walter Grimston of Grimston Garth, married Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir John Portington, and the legacy which the testatrix bequeaths to him is to educate the issue of this match.

Crosse * de debito michi per ipsum debito. Et volo quod centum libræ sint bene securæ et discrete custoditæ in quodam loco secreto ad defendendum quæcunque placita terræ versus Ricardum Portyngton, Robertum Portyngton, sive Nicolaum Portyngton accidencia. Et lego Elizabethæ Forster servienti meæ pro bono servicio suo michi facto et imposterum faciendo, ultra x. marcas per Johannem Portyngton virum meum legatas, x. marcas et melius, et j. parvam zonam argenteam deauratam coloris nigri cum omnibus ornamentis capiti meo pertinentibus. Residuum Edmundo Portyngton,† Edwardo Saltemersh, et Roberto Portyngton armigeris. Et lego cuilibet executorum meorum pro labore suo c s. Item do et lego Ricardo Portyngton iiij l. et totum meremium meum apud Portyngton. [*Prob.* 22 *Ap.* 1458.]

CLXVIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS TIDMAN CAPELLANI.

Aug. iiij. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Johannes Tidman capellanus—sepeliend. in eccles. par. Omn. Sanctor. in Northstrete in cancello cantariæ S. Nicholai et B. Kat. Virg.—Lego Aliciæ uxori Willelmi Philipp unum pannum depictum cum historia de quinque Gaudiis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, j. togam de violett.—Lego Jacobo Philipp clerico unum pannum depictum cum historia Sancti Johannis Baptistæ et Johannis Evangelistæ—et j. librum secundarium vocatum unum Portatyve, sub hac condicione quod promoveat se ad ordinem sacerdotalem fieri bono animo, et esse conetur, sin autem—vendantur. Lego Roberto Haxby j. togam coloris le meld, j. par de clarecordes, et j. librum vocatum unum Balettboke‡ — Isabellæ filiæ Johannæ Byddus—j. pannum depictum cum magna ymagine B. Mariæ Virginis.

CLXIX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS LUNEBURGH DE EBORACO GOLDESMYTH.

Aug. xiij. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Johannes Luneburgh de Eboraco goldsmyth—sepeliendum in eccles. S. Elenæ in Staynegate juxta corpus Elizabethæ uxoris meæ.—Lego summo altari pro sepultura mea j. calicem pr. xl s.—Lego Jacobo servienti meo xx d. in pe-

* Robert Crosse was one of the Esquires in the household of the last Lady de Mauley. He is mentioned in her will with the testatrix and others of the name.

† An extract from the will of Edmund Portington of Beverley has been given as a note to the will of Robert Rolleston. No. cxi.

‡ Probably the same book of ballads which has been mentioned previously in the will of James Baguley, who was rector of the church of All Saints, North-street, York, and who died in 1440. See No. lxii.

cunia, et incudem meam secundariam, et j. malleum vocatum j. forchyngamer, sex limas vocatas files, et vj. gravers. Roberto Spicer aurifabro xx d. et incudem meam minimi valoris in opella mea et j. forchynghamer. Johanni Pudsay goldsmyth j. planysshing stithy et j. planysshing hamer. Lego aurifabrorum arti vj s. viij d. ea tamen condicione quod eadem pecunia expendatur circa novam coronam * argenteam fabricandam.

CLXX. TESTAMENTUM ISABELLÆ KERR VIDUÆ.

Sep. 5, 1457. Isabella Kerr vidua—sep. in ecclesia Sanctæ Elenæ in Staynegate sub lapide Willelmi Lee quondam viri mei ad finem australem summi altaris. Priorissæ et Conventui de Molsby pro absolucione corporis mei et corporum Willielmi Lee, Ricardi Russell et Roberti Gaunte quondam maritorum meorum iij s. iiij d.—Domino Ricardo Sabram capellano unam parvam murram argentatam, unum vestimentum sacerdotale et unum Missale fere novum. Johanni Caudell meam torch de corpore Christi. Eidem Johanni Caudell et Johannæ filiæ meæ uxori suæ unam peciam argenti coopertam cum scriptura stantem super tres leones, et unum hallyng cum pertinentiis steyned cum ymaginibus. Item lego eidem Johannæ filiæ meæ optimam meam murram, unam zonam de nigro serico argento paratam et deauratam, unum tusshewe cum operibus intextis cum serico et mixtum cum argento et deaurat', unum annulum auri cum ij. diamaunts. Willelmo filio dictorum Johannis et Johannæ sex cocliaria argenti, unam zonam de blodio serico cum stella argentea parato. Isabellæ sorori dicti Willelmi unam albam peciam coopertam cum j. pike, unum par precum de curell cum uno anulo sive munusculo auri annexo. Johanni Karr unum quylt de viridi serico. Thomæ filio dicti Johannis Karr unam bursam de panno auri et literis de argento deauratis appendentibus. Isabellæ moniali, sorori dicti Thomæ, unam zonam de nigro serico paratam cum argento et deaurat'. Aliciæ nuper uxori Johannis Upstall unum cor auri. Fratri Thomæ Russell canonico sex quyshyngs cum leopard'. Willelmus Gaunte unam peciam argenti cum cooperculo et cervo in fundo ejusdem. [*Pr.* 18 *Aug.* 1458.]

* This crown was probably intended for the miracle play which the craft exhibited every year. Some notices of these plays have been already given.

CLXXI. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI BARTON ARMIGERI.

In the name of Gode, Amen. The x. day of Auguste, the yere of oure Lorde M.cccc.lv., I Richard Barton,* sqwyere, beyng in gude mynde, makes my testamente on this maner. Firste I wytte my saule to Gode Almyghty, and to his Moder oure Lady Saynte Mary, and to all ye halous in heven, and my body to be beride in ye Lady porch with in the kirk of Kirkeby Fletham, with a corse presante as custome wyll. Firste, I sete vij. marcs to a preste to syng a yere for me and my wyff and all my gude doars. Item I wite to the kirkwark of Kirkby Fletham vj s. viij d. To oure Lady light iij s. iiij d. Item I will that my moder dame Jane of Boynton† have the reule and gubernaunce of all my landes, tenements—in the Counte of Yorkshire and in the Cite of York, duryng hire lyve, for the sustentacion and mareyng of my childre. Item I wite for my sone Cristofere‡ that he have the principalles of my gudes as the custome of the countree is, and no more of my gudes. Item I will that the money of the mareage silver of my sone Cristofor unepaide at my deth I will at it be yeffin to my moder and othere of my executours to be keped to ye mareage of my doghtter Elizabeth.§

* Richard Barton of Whenby, Esq. the head of a respectable Yorkshire family, which records its pedigree in the Visitation of 1585. His wife was Isabel, a daughter of Sir John Norton of Norton Conyers, by whom he had several children, one or two of whom are new to the genealogist. The testator desires to be buried at Kirkby Fletham, in Richmondshire, in which parish he was probably residing.

† The mother of the testator, and a daughter of James Strangeways of Skelton. After the death of her first husband, Conan Barton of Whenby, she remarried Christopher Boynton of Sedbury, Esq. the junior justice for the palatinate of Durham during the episcopate of Bishop Neville. By each of these husbands she had issue. She survived her second husband and spent the latter part of her life in retirement at Yarm, where she makes her will in 1486. She desires to be buried in the choir of the church of the Friars in that town.

‡ Christopher Barton of Whenby, Esq. the testator's eldest son, married Margaret, a daughter of Robert Danby of Farneley, Esq. By his will, dated on the Feast of the Decollation of St. John the Baptist, 19 Edw. IV. he desires, "to be beryd in the church of Quenby if it fortone me ther to decesse. To the hallowyng of the said chirch 40*s*. To my wife during the nonage of John Barton, my son and heire, the yssues of Qwenby and the profetts of an house called Temple House in Qwenby whiche I have of my brothir James Danby, the annual rent of 26*s*. 8*d*. which I have of certane lands of my granndame, Dame Jane of Boynton, in Grynston.—An indentor of mariage made betwix Sir John Pykering, knyght, and me of the mariage of his doghter and my son.—My feffes to make a state to Robert, Thomas, and Christopher Barton my sonnys in lands of the yerely valowe of x li. The residew to my doghters. —My wiffe to se my yonger childre be honestly keped and put to lernyng. My wyffe, John Norton, knyght, Thomas Witham, James Danby, Christofer Boynton, and Thomas Gower, esquiers, my brother Richard Danby, and Thomas Danby, executors." [*Pr.* 17 *April* 1480, *and adm. granted to Margaret his widow.*] In the Visitation three other children are assigned to this Christopher, Richard, Philip, and Anne.

§ According to the Visitation she became the wife of William Denham.

I will and yeffe all my other gudes, whike and dede, movable and on movable, to ye sustentacion and houlpyn of myn other childre, yat is to say, my doghter Elizabeth, John, and Thomas. Item I will that myn executours fynde Agnes my doghtter gettyn on playng with parte of my gudis to she come to the age of xiiij. yere, and yf she be not mared be myn executours with in xiiij. yere of age, than I will myn executours yeffe hire x. marcs to hire mareage, and so be my gudes will suffice yare to. Item I wille that my doghtter Elizabeth have the gudes that longed to hire moder.* Item I gyff to my moder dame Jane of Boynton iiij. marcs, and so be she will take administracion. Item I gyve to my broder John of Norton xxvj s. viij d., and so be he will take administracion—I gife to my broder Conand Barton† a blew gowne furred with bever and the horse whilke was his aune, and so be he will take administracion—I gyffe to Jonett Richardson ij. key, j. mare and a fole, x. shepe, ij. litill bestes, iij. qu. of whete. iij. qu. of rye, iiij. qu. of malte, a coveryng of a bede of blew, and I gife her terme of hire lyfe, tenement in Whenby w^t^ a garth and a croft next vicarage. To John of Holme a lytill grecelled nage. I make myn executours my moder Dame Jane of Boynton, John of Norton and Conand Barton for ye grett treuth and affiance yat I have in yame.

Feoffment.—I have in feffite John of Norton, Thos. Gowere squyere, Conande Barton and Thos. Kelcy in my manere of Whenby and my lands in Yorkeshire and in the Cite of York, and haife also relesede and white clamed all ye reghte yat I have in ye forsaide landes to Jane my moder, yat she hauldeȝ for terme of hire lyffe of my gifte or of John of Barton‡ my grannesire.—I require them to infeffe Robt Danby one of ye Keng Justice in x. marce for my sone and my doghtter, and if it happyn me for to dy, they to have v. marce more as it is more playnly writen in one indenture of mareage between ye saide Robert and me—my son Chr. a minor—my broder John Norton —my father Conand Barton § [*Prob.* 9 *Sep.* 1458.]

* It seems probable from this that the testator had had more than one wife.

† Conan Barton, one of the younger brothers of the testator, married Joan, only child and heir of Robert Dolphanby of Gateshead. Through this marriage the family of Barton became possessed of extensive property in the counties of Durham and Northumberland, which they long retained. Joan Dolphanby was left fatherless at a very early age, and she became ward to Robert Strangeways the younger, Esq. She did not attain her majority till Dec. 17, 1457.

‡ John de Barton, the testator's grandfather, married Christian, daughter of . . . . Aske of Aske, and it was from her family that the Bartons adopted the baptismal name of Conan. The visitation of 1584 gives two sons as the issue of this match, Thomas, who died without issue, and Conan, the testator's father.

§ Conan de Barton, of Whenby, Esq. by his will dated on the 8th of April, 1436, which was proved at York on the 24th of the same month, desires to be buried in the church of Whenby. He leaves to the vicar for his mortuary his best horse and

CLXXII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI COLYNSON.

This is the will of Robert Colynson* of York mercer, made the ix. day of the moneth of Aprile, M.cccc.xxxvj. That thare be deltt and geven to xiij. pure folke in ilke parisshyn underwretyn xiij d.; prayng thame hertly the hole parisshyns to for gefe hym if he hadde ever any gude of thayres be bying or selling or any other wyse. And if any of thame hade evir any grete losse by him thay sall have amendis and asseth for thare losse and thaie will ask it, and if noon aske it, he prayes thame for Goddis lufe hertly to forgefe hym and pray for hym at the reverence of Gode. The whilke parisshins are thes: The parissh of Tadcastre, of Kirkby, of Saxton, of Shirburn, of Brotherton, of Pountfrett, of Leddesham, of Kypas, of Swillington, of Whitekirk, of Barwyke in Elmett, of Bramham, of Dyghton, of Spofford, of Harwode, of Knaresburgh, of Riplay, of Hampsthwait, of Stanlay, the chapell of Patheleybrigg, the parissh of Ripon, of Nonmonkton.

CLXXIII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI BANKS NUPER DE EBORACO GENTILMAN.

Sep. 14, 1458. Ego Willelmus Banks,† gentilman—sep. in ecclesia parochiali Sancti Johannis Baptistæ infra clausum ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eboracensis, sepeliendum inter chorum et fontem, ubi magis conveniens est. Henrico Fitzhenry cognato meo lxx s. quos michi debet ex mutuo. Willelmo Fitzhenry cognato meo unam cathenam argenteam et deauratam cum ad ætatem octodecim annorum pervenerit. Conano Fitzhenry cognato meo unum cor de auro majus innameled, et Galfrido Blake cognato meo unum aliud cor de auro minor (*sic*) innamelld. Agneti Broghton unam togam de musterdevelesse penulatam cum mart-

armour. To Richard, William, and Christian, his children, 10*l.* To the church of Whenby 6*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* To Joan his wife a silver cup, covered. He gives another similar cup to his son Conan, and a third to Elizabeth his daughter. The residue is left to his executors, Robert Strangeways and Richard Barton. The Visitation of 1584 gives to this Conan a son John, who died without children; Richard, the testator; a daughter, Elizabeth, the wife of . . . Tailbois; and a daughter (Christian) who married Gerard Widdrington.

* A curious and affecting document. It is appended as a codicil to a will, which is dated on the 26th of October, 1450, and both were proved on the 3rd of October, 1458.

† A Yorkshire gentleman, who married a Fitzhenry of Kelfield. John Fitzhenry of Kelfield, Esq. in his will, dated on the 17th of Sept. 1440, mentions his brother William Banke, his son Henry, his daughter Alice, and his brother Conan. He desires to be buried in the church of St. Ellen at Stillingfleet.

polle3. Elenæ Marshall unum librum Anglicum vocatum Trolias in manibus J. Manfeld existentem. Domino Johanni Welles personæ in ecclesia Cathedrali Eboracensi unum Psalterium. Item volo quod Prior et Conventus de Monte Graciæ nihil habeant de predictis xx s. si aliquod clameum faciant pro libro vocato Florarium Bartholomei. [*Pr.* 4 *Oct.* 1458.]

CLXXIV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ HAUKYN DE WAKEFELD.

Octobr. penult. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Thomas Haukyn de Wakefeld—sepeliendum in eccles. Omn. Sanctor. Lego fabricæ cancelli B. Mariæ predictæ ecclesiæ xl s., sub tali condicione, quod fiat usque ostium chori in longitudine, aliter lego nisi xx s.—Lego Ricardo Haukyn fratri meo unum daykyr de overledder et unum daykyr de soleledder.—Lego facturæ angeportæ ducentis a villa de Wakefeld ad les outewode x s.

CLXXV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS SNAYTH NUPER DE DONCASTRE.

Dec. 31, 1458. Johannes Snayth* de Doncastre, bower—sep. in ecclesia parochiali de Doncastre—Ricardo Duci Ebor. ij. balistas, j. tellerd, et alta intellerd. Johanni Nevell filio Ricardi Comitis Sarr' j. balistam vocatam Perowe in custodia Johannis Michell de London grosor, et j. dubbull wyndealas in manu sua propria.—Ricardo de la Stede apprenticio meo xl s., j. flote, ij. gravors et ij. cultellos pro arte sua.

CLXXVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS HAYNSON DE HULL ALDERMANNI.

Jan. ij. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Johannes Haynson, Aldermannus et burgensis villæ de Kyngeston super Hull—Fabricæ campanilis capellæ S. Mariæ xx s.—Ita quod capellanus et successores sui faciat et faciant meum obitum et uxoris meæ insimul annuatim celebrari in eccles. S. Trin., cum vicario seu capellanis par. et duodecim sacerdotibus de tabula, et cum maxima campana primitus, ut moris est, pulsata, et le belman per villam transeunte, et cum cereis eidem obitui optimo modo inveniendis, prout aliis nobilibus defunctis in memoriam ipsorum, solempniter peragi est consuetum.

* A Doncaster tradesman, who appears to have had some distinguished debtors. It may however have been his love for the house of York that prompted the bequest of the formidable weapons of war which he leaves.

CLXXVII. TEST. JOHANNIS BELL CIVIS EBOR.

Jan. xviij. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Johannes Bell, civis Ebor.—sep. in ecclesia mea S. Dionisii versus hostium vestibuli.—Isabella uxor mea vendat tenementum, et quod v. marcæ de pecunia dentur custodibus fabricæ eccles. S. Dionisii pro tempore exist., ad augmentacionem chori Sanctæ Katerinæ in eadem ecclesia, si contingat dictum chorum ante finem v. annorum prox. post decessum meum fore decenter augmentatum ad longitudinem ecclesiæ S. Dionisii.—Isabella uxor mea, durante vita sua, inveniat et sustineat unam lampadem continue tempore divinorum tantummodo arsuram in summo choro ad perpetuam veneracionem dignissimi Sacramenti Corporis Christi et post decessum suum.

CLXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI NICHOLAI HOLME INFRA MON. B. MARIÆ EBOR. DECEDENTIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Nicholaus Holme* canonicus Eccles. Colleg. Riponiæ—Lego Nicholao Hulme filio Jacobi Hulme magnum Missale meum, unum Jornale, unum librum cum Placebo et Dirige, unum librum de Tractatu Officii Missæ, et j. parvum Psalterium in una casa. Magistro Olivero Blakwell Missale meum parvum, Martilogium meum, unum librum de Trinitate, unum librum qui vocatur Pars Oculi, et unum librum de Medicinis. Nicholao Blakwell Portiforium meum et unum librum in quo continentur xij. capitula Ricardi Hampole.—Ecclesiæ par. de Redmeshill unum librum qui vocatur Pupilla Oculi.—Galfrido Colynson rectori ecclesiæ de Brandesby unum librum de Epistolis Pauli et lectum in quo jaceo. Domino Roberto Grene de Dunelmo unum librum qui vocatur Aurora.—Supervisorem hujus testamenti ordino et constituo honorabilem dominam meam Alesiam comitissam Sarum, cui lego unam parvam tabulatam de auro cum ymaginibus intus. Dat. in Abbathia B. Mariæ Ebor. ult. Sep. M.cccc.lviij. [*Prob.* 12 *Mar.* 1458-9.]

* An eminent ecclesiastic, who had a goodly share of church preferment. In addition to his Yorkshire livings he was also beneficed in the diocese of Durham. He was Rector of Redmarshall, a Prebendary of the Collegiate Church at Darlington, and Master of Greatham Hospital, from 1427 till 1433. The testator, who died in St. Mary's Abbey, appears to have been connected in some way with the Countess of Salisbury.

CLXXIX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI THOMÆ CHEWORTH MILITIS DEFUNCTI.

Jan. 16, 1458. Ego Thomas Chaworth,* miles—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in Prioratu de Landa, ubi ego dictus Thomas alias disposui. Item lego Priori et Conventui Prioratus predicti viginti marcas in pecunia numerata, nomine principalis mei. Item lego viginti libras vel plus, secundum quod per executores meos melius videbitur per eorum sanas discreciones, ad disponendum circa sepulturam meam. Et decem libras vel plus ad distribuendum inter pauperes die sepulturæ meæ vel obitus mei. Item viginti libras distribuendas inter servientes familiares meos. Residuum dedi certis personis per quoddam factum meum inde eis factum et sigillo armorum meorum signatum. Supervisores testamenti mei facio reverendissimum in Christo patrem permissione divina Archiepiscopum Eboracensem † qui pro tempore fuerit ad mortem ejusdem Thomæ Chaworth, Ricardum Byngham ‡ unum Justiciariorum Domini Regis, et Magistrum Willelmum Gull § rectorem ecclesiæ Sancti Petri Notingham. Executoresque meos facio Willelmum Fitz-

* Sir Thomas Chaworth of Wiverton, co. Notts, the head of a most ancient and illustrious family. He was twice married. By his first wife, Nichola, daughter of Sir Reginald Braybrook, he had an only child, Elizabeth, who married John Lord Scrope of Upsal. His second consort was the heiress of a wealthy and distinguished house, Isabel daughter of Sir Thomas, and co-heir to her nephew Hugh, Aylesbury. The testator in the 24th of Henry VI. had the King's licence to make the park of Wiverton, and he was probably the builder of the princely mansion at that place which was unhappily dismantled during the Great Rebellion. The Chaworths adopted the royal cause, and their house at Wiverton was made a garrison for the King. By his second wife Sir Thomas Chaworth had several children, who will be noticed as they are mentioned in his will. Sir Thomas was the son and heir of Sir William Chaworth, who died in 1398, and whose will occurs in the Test. Ebor. I. No. CLXXX. Alice his mother was the daughter and heiress of Sir John Caltoft, and her will, which was made at Wiverton on the Monday after the feast of the Epiphany, 1 Henry IV. was proved at York on the 12th of July, 1400. She desires to be buried in the Abbey of Beauchief (in Derbyshire, where her husband was buried). To Thomas her son (the testator) she leaves an ouche of gold set with pearls and diamonds, a bed of blue and its costers with her arms, and a book called Placebo and Dirige (a book which Sir Thomas mentions hereafter). To Nichola, the wife of her son Thomas, she bequeaths a ring of gold with two diamonds "cum meliori fyleto meo et perill." To the altar "de novo yle" in the church of Estbrig a vestment of cloth of gold.

† In the Archbishop of York Sir Thomas found a friendly adviser and assistant. Archbishop Boothe was connected with Nottinghamshire in several ways, and was buried in the Abbey Church of Southwell in that county. His will occurs shortly.

‡ Sir Richard Bingham was appointed one of the Justices of the Court of King's Bench on the 9th of May, 1457. He married Margaret, one of the daughters and co-heirs of Sir Baldwin Freville, and the widow of Sir Hugh Willoughby of Wollaton. By her he had a large family. One of his children, Sir Richard Bingham, was made a Justice of the King's Bench on the 9th of October, 1471.

§ The name of Master Gull is constantly occurring in the legal proceedings of his county. His position was one of importance, and it was generally filled by men of worth and ability.

william* de Sprotburg armigerum, Robertum Clifton † armigerum, Ricardum Willughby ‡ armigerum, Magistrum Willelmum Gull rectorem ecclesiæ Sancti Petri Notinghame, Radulphum Riresby § armigerum, Thomam Staunton ‖ de Sutton et Bonyngton armigerum, et Thomam Nevill ¶ de Darleton.—[*Pr.* 27 *March*, 1459.]

This Indentur wittnesseth that Sir Thomas Chaworth, knyght, hath opened and declared his wille unto alle his feffe3 that arn enfeeffed to his use, joyntly or severally, inne and of all his maners, londe3 and tenemente3 with the appurtenance, wher-somever yei be, with inne the realme of Ingland; and tenderly besichith and praith them of ye grete truste and cordiall affeccon that he hath in thaim, yat thei wille vochsafe to perfourme and execute his wille in forme yat foloith: First ye said Sir Thomas besechith his said feeffes to graunte unto Richard Barsse an annuite of xx s., and un to John of Cote3 an other annuitie of xx s., ij. olde servante3 of ye said Sir Thomas, in such wise as thei may be sure yerof, for the gode service that thei have doon un to the said Sir Thomas in his lyfe, and shall doo un to his

* William Fitzwilliam of Sprotborough, Esq. the husband of Elizabeth Chaworth, one of the daughters of the testator. She had a sister Elizabeth, wife of John Lord Scrope of Upsal, who took the veil at her husband's death. Fitzwilliam died at Haddlesay on the 1st of December, 1474, and was buried with his wife in the church of Sprotborough, where a brass to their memory is still remaining. His will was dated a short time before his death.

† Robert, afterwards Sir Robert, Clifton of Clifton, the husband of Alice Boothe, sister of William Boothe Archbishop of York, and the father of Sir Gervase Clifton, who was married, by licence dated Nov. 7, 1456, to Alice, widow of Richard Thurland of Nottingham. He began to build the college at Clifton, which was completed by his son, and, dying on the 9th of April, 1478, was buried in the north aisle of the church at Clifton.

‡ Of Wollaton, Esq. the eldest son of Sir Hugh Willoughby, whose will has been already printed, by his first wife Isabel Foljambe. He died in 1469, in which year his will was dated, leaving no issue by his wife Anne one of the co-heirs of Simon Leke of Cotham.

§ Of Thribergh, co. Ebor, Esq. the husband of Agnes, one of the daughters of Sir John Stapleton of Wighill, and the ancestor of a long line of Knights and Baronets. Sir William Reresby, the third Baronet, squandered away the estates of his family in gambling and dissipation, and was reduced to the low estate of tapster in the Fleet prison.

‖ The head of the family of Staunton of Staunton. He died on the 9th of January, 1517-18, and was buried with Anne his wife in the choir of St. Laurence in the church of Staunton. His will, which is dated on the 30th of December, 1517, was proved at York on the 28th of April following. He mentions his daughters Millicent, Elce, and Annas, his wife Anne, and his son John. He leaves to the church of Staunton 26*s.* 8*d.* to buy a cross with, 40*s.* to make the desks, and to "the battlelyng of the same" 20*s.* He bequeaths to the chapel of Staunton to buy a cross cloth with, 6*s.* 8*d.* His father Thomas Staunton in his will dated on the 29th of March, 1447, mentions his wife Margaret and Thomas his eldest son. He desires to be buried in the chapel of St. Laurence at Staunton.

¶ Thomas Neville of Darleton, Co. Notts, the head of one of the numerous houses of Neville.

seid feeffe3 and executours after his decesse, in executyng and perfourmyng of his said wille; ye said annuite3 yerly to be paied un to thaym for terme of thair lyves, goyng oute of the issue3 and profectes of alle suche lande3 and tenemente3 with the appurtenance as ye said Sir Thomas late purchased in Riddyngs in the shir of Derby: and over this to allowe the said Richard and John thair resonable coste3 yat thei spenden in rydyng, goyng or executyng the commandment of his said feffes or executors, forsene alway that the said annuites be not graunted in the lyve of the said Sir Thomas. And ye said Sir Thomas besechitt his said feffe3 yt if hit happen hym att the tyme of his dethe to have issue male of the age of xxij. yer or mor, that then the said feffes, after his decesse and after ye said annuitez graunted and certayn mannumissions made to divers persones, as in this wille afterward more playnly shall appere, do make astate un to the eldest soon * of the said Sir Thomas, than beyng of the said age of xxij. yere or a boon, of and in the manoirs of Alfreton and Norton with the appurtenance, and alle the said landes and tenemente3 in Riddyngs beforesaid with in the shire of Derby, the said maner of Wyverton with the appurtenance, and of other lands and tenemente3 that thei ar enfeffed inne to his use in Wyverton, Langar, Barnston, Tathby, Crophill, Bisshopcropphill Butler, Colston, Basset and Whatton; the which londes and tenements the seid Sir Thomas desirith to be alway appurtenance un to the said maner of Wyverton for ever more; and of the advouson of the chirch of Estbriggeford in the said schir of Notyngham, and the advouson of the chirch of Saxby in ye shire of Leicester—forsene alway that out of certeyn landes, &c. in Crophill Butler, ye which the said Sir Thomas purchesed of Thomas Curson, squyer, the said feffe3 make an estate un to Thomas Chaworth the son of George Chaworth † and his heires male3. Also the said Sir Thomas besechith his said feffe3 yat thei of alle the mevable goodes in this present wille non legat nor other wise disposed, and of the issues and profectes comyng of the maners of Mernaham, Edwalton, Pygot halle in Kirtlyngton;

* William, afterwards Sir William, Chaworth, the testator's eldest son, married Elizabeth, one of the two daughters and co-heirs of Sir Nicholas Bowett of Ripingale, by Elizabeth, daughter and heir of Sir John de la Zouch. Sir William had two children by her: Thomas, who married Margaret, daughter of John Earl of Shrewsbury, a lunatic, by whom he had no issue; and Joan the wife of John Ormond. Joan Ormond left three daughters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, the wife of Sir Anthony Babington of Dethick, Anne married William Meering, and Joan the wife of Thomas Denham of Eythorp, co. Bucks. The will of Lady De la Zouch, which has already occurred, contains some interesting notices of the family of Chaworth.

† George Chaworth married Alice daughter and heiress of John Annesley, and it was through his son Thomas Chaworth of Crophill Butler that the Viscounts of Armagh descended. On the 10th of October, 1466, Richard Woodwarde of Annesley Woodhouse administered to the effects of George Chaworth of Annesley, Esq.

South Clifton beside Mernaham with the appurtenance, and of certaigne landez and tenements in Este Briggeford late purchesed be the said Sir Thomas in the shir of Notyngham, Toynton, and of all the landes, &c. in Tymberlond, and of certayn lands in Alyngton late purchesed be the said Sir Thomas in the shir of Lyncoln, Saxby in the shire of Leicestre, and of the issuez of the revercion of ye maner of Osbarton in the shire of Notingham, when hit fallith after the decesse of Richard Byngham, justice, the which hath the seid maner for terme of his lyve of the graunte of the saide Sir Thomas; and of the revercon of certayn lands, &c. in Hesyngheld in the shir of Warwick, when hit fallith, the which Thomas Babyngton of Dedyk, squyer, hath for terme of his live of the graunte of the said Sir Thomas, to paie all the dettes of the said Sir Thomas and to make playn restitucon and dieu satisfaccon of any extorcion or injuriez doone by the said Sir Thomas in his live. An annuitie to Thomas * soon of the said Sir Thomas of c s. of the maner of Willynthorp in the shire of Derby, and a state of all manner landes and tenementez in Hynkersell, Walton, Wolley, and Calall—and after the dethe of the saide Sir Thomas, and also of Thomas Babyngton of Dedik, an astate of the maner of Hesyngheld in the shir of Warwick—and if the maner of Hesynheld be not tailed to him of the landes of Clifton—iij^c^. marc in and fore a competent mariage to be hadde for Robert Chaworth,† one of ye sones of the said Sir Thomas; and in semblable wise ij^c^. marc be their discrecon in and for a competent mariage to be hadde for Laurence Chaworth, another of the sonez of the said Sir Thomas, uppon condicon yat they will be mared and demeaned by ye avise and counsell of his saide feeffes, and in the meane time to be founden competently to their lyvyng in mete and drynk and clothyng un to the tyme that thai come to ye age of xxij. yer; and after ye said age of xxij. yer, the said Robert to have yerly x li., and Laurence v li. unto thay come to the age of xxviij. yer, or be maried. And also the said Sir Thomas besechith his said feffez and executours, and requirith theim on Godds behalve, y^t^ as for xviij. marc that the Abbot of Darley askith of hym as for iij. foder of leed yat the said Sir Thomas shulde have of oon John Ladd of Pentrich, as the said Abbot saith, the which xviij marc John Ladde shulde giffe unto the house of Darley for divers trespasez that he shulde doo unto the howse of Darley, the said Sir Thomas seith playnly he owith theym nor hym noon, ner

* A hitherto unrecorded son. On the 6th of January, 1485-6, Thomas Denton of Wyverton and John Webster of Theby administered to the estate of Thomas Chaworth of Wyverthorp, Esq.

† Robert and Laurence Chaworth are new to the Chaworth pedigree.

non will he paie thayme, and tharfore, if any such thyng be asked after his decesse, he preith his said feffe; and executours, and chargith them bothe on Goddis behalfe, that thei paie them noon. And also as for xx. marc that a man of Leicestre or a woman of Leicestre, he wot not whether, toke the said Sir Thomas and William Rempston late person of Byngham, to delyvere hit unto Dame Margaret Rempston,* so that she woulde delyvere thaym an obligacon that thai were boundon inne unto Sir Thomas Rempston,† late husbond unto the same dame Margaret Rempston, or ellys he to kepe stille the xx. marc in his handes; and William Rempston come to the said Sir Thomas Chaworth after for this xx. marc, and seide hym by his trowthe that his moder hadde delivered hym the obligacon and hit was hir wille yt he

* Margaret, daughter of Sir Simon Leeke. She was twice married. Her first husband was Sir Godfrey Foljambe of Kinalton, co. Notts, who died on the 2nd of December, 1388, aged 21. By him she had a daughter and heiress, Alice, the wife of Sir Robert Plumpton of Plumpton. After Sir Godfrey's death his widow remarried the celebrated Sir Thomas Rempston, K.G. by whom she had several children. Sir Thomas died in 1406, but his widow survived him for nearly half a century. At her death, on the 21st of April, 1454, she must have been extremely aged. Her will, which is dated at Nottingham, Nov. 14, 1453, was proved at York on the 5th of May, 1454. She desires to be buried in the chancel of the parish church of Bingham, under the tomb in which her late husband Thomas Rempston was buried. She left the residue of her estate to Sir William Plumpton, Nicholas Wymbish, clerk, Robert Rempston, Esq. her son, John Leek of Holom, Geoffrey Knyveton of Nottingham, and Gregory Lovet her servant, whom she appoints her executors. The supervisors are Archbishop Boothe and William Lord Roos of Hamlake.

† Sir Thomas Rempston of Rempston, co. Notts, a very distinguished and illustrious statesman. In the year 1400 he was made steward of the king's household. On 20th April, 1401, he was appointed Admiral of the Fleet in the west and south parts of England. In July, 1401, he was made a conservator of the truce with France, and constable of the Tower. On 1st November, 1401, he was selected with several others to settle the ransom of John, late king of France. In the month of April, 1406, he was one of the ambassadors by whom a peace with France was concluded. In 1404 he was sworn a member of the Privy Council, and in the same year the House of Commons recommended to the consideration of the king the services which Rempston with others had rendered at his accession, he having landed with Henry IV. at Ravenspur, previously to the dethronement of Richard II. In the first year of the reign of the new monarch he was made K.G. He did not however live long to enjoy his many honours, as his death occurred shortly afterwards. It was an accidental one, and we are indebted to the inquest of the city coroner for a very graphic description of the mishap which was the cause of it. It appears that on Sunday the 31st of October, 1406, Sir Thomas, with his servants, entered into a boat at Paul's Wharf, in the ward of Baynard, intending to row under London Bridge to the Tower; as the tide was strong and against them the boatmen told him they dared not row under the bridge, when he commanded them to proceed on pain of losing their heads. This threat made them try to shoot the bridge, but in the attempt the boat ran against one of the piles. Sir Thomas tried to catch hold of it; but in so doing he upset the boat, and was thrown into the water and drowned. The coroner sat upon the body on the following day, and it was found that the accident had been caused by the recklessness of the deceased. His remains were hurried down into Nottinghamshire, and buried in the chancel of the church of Bingham. His tomb was opened after the lapse of nearly half a century to receive the remains of his aged widow, who was laid by the side of her lord.

shulde have the money for hit, for hit should go to his brother Sir Thomas Rempston,* and Richard Wakefeld of Newark the elder come with hym and bare Gode recorde yt hit was Dame Margaretts Rempston wille that he shulde have hit; and opon yat the said Sir Thomas Chaworth delyvered hym the xx. marc, and whether the man or woman have their obligacion or noght the said Sir Thomas Chaworth wotith never; neverthelesse he promised theym yat the mon shulde not be delyvered or thai hadde thair obligacon of Dame Margaret Rempston. And for as myche as he made such promyse un to thaym, if suche thyng falle herafter, yat they or any executors for thaym shulde be sued or hurt for the obligacon, the said Sir Thomas Chaworth praith his said executors, at the reverence of God, rather paie hit of his owne gode, notwithstandyng he hath paied hit here to fore, in savyng of the trawth and promyse that he made theym before. And also the said Sir Thomas desireth and praith his said executours that yai after his decesse, without any delaye, giffe and delyvere with the body of the said Sir Thomas un to the Prior and the Covent of ye Priore of the Lande, for the tyme beyng, and yaire successours for ever more, for ye ornamentes of the Chapell of ye Trinite in the said Priore, bigged and made be the said Sir Thomas, wher as he hath disposed his sepultur, a vestement with ij. tunycles of reede damaske with the awter and the awter clothes yat longith to the same sorte, another holle vestemente of reede sateyn with sterre3, yat is a chesepull, ij. tynncles with all that longith to thaym, and iij. copes of ye same sute, an other holl vestemente of white damaske with iij. copes of white damaske late boght be ye same Sir Thomas of the Lady Scrope† his doghter, for to serve on our Lady dayes in lovyng and worshippyng of hir, and to pray for the same Lady Scropp; and also a fair Mesboke late boght of the same Lady Scrope, a crosse of silver overgilt with a foote, ij. basyns of silver that

* The eldest son of Sir Thomas Rempston, K.G. and a famous warrior. In 1415 he served in the expedition to France, with 8 men-at-arms and 24 foot archers He was present at the capture of Harfleur and at the battle of Agincourt. In 1418 he was at the siege of Rouen, and he took a part in most of the sieges and battles in France during the reign of Henry VI. He was taken prisoner by Mons. Tanguy de Chastell about the year 1435. He died on the 15th of October, 1458, leaving by his wife Alice, the daughter and heiress of Thomas Bekering, Esq. by Isabel, daughter and co-heir of Sir John Loudham, three daughters and co-heirs, Elizabeth, the wife of John Cheyney, Esq. Isabel, who married Sir Brian Stapleton of Carlton, and Margaret, the wife of Richard Bingham, Esq. jun.

† Elizabeth, daughter of the testator by his first wife, and widow of John fourth Lord Scrope of Upsal. Her husband's will has but recently occurred, and in the notes which are appended to it several notices of this lady will be found. After her lord's death she retired from the world, and spent the rest of her days in religious seclusion. She seems to have disposed of some of the plate and chapel ornaments of her family to her father, as well as to the treasurer of the Minster at York.

serven for his chapell in Wyverton, and a pair of candelstykke3 of silver yat stonden dayly on the hiegh awter at Wyverton, the better box of silver for the sacrament, the better sensures and the shippe of silver, the better sacryng belle of silver, the better paire of cruetts of silver, the more* pax brede of silver that is anameled. And yat his executors straitly charge the Prior and the Covent of ye said place, as thai wille answer to fore Gode, and to take of them resonable suertie as can be devised, that thei putte not away non of the said juelles nyther of the said ornaments, in noo kynswise, but yat thai may alway serve for ornaments of the said chapell, as is befor said ; forsene alway that hit happen hereafter in tyme comyng that thai may purchese any kirke or elles temporal lyvyng, be the which the place may yerly be imperpetuite be encressed, yat than hit be lefull to the Prior, for the tyme beyng, and Covent, to selle them, or parcel of theim, in so relevyng of thaym ; and elle3 not. Also the said Sir Thomas praith his seid executors that after his decesse thai delyvere to William Chaworth his aldest soon, or any oyer of his brether, the which of theim Gode ordeynith to be his heir, ij. new basyns with ij. ewers of silver with his armes and the Basset armes and Aylesbury's † armes together, and ij. grett potts of silver of the grettest sorte and ij. chargers of ye medill sorte, xij. ouches of silver of the new soorte, vj. salsers of silver of the same soorte, xij. spones of silver of the best soorte, vj. new spone3 gilte, a covered white pece with an estregge in the bothom, pounsed, vj. new peces of silver of oon sorte, iij. peces of silver of an other sorte, the which oon of thaym coveryth, another with a flatt knoppe and with a Moresk yeron, a rounde basyn with knoppe3 with an ewer therfore, ij. gilte peces with ij. coverkills with treiles of eglenters, ij. rounde channdelers of silver w^t pyke3 and noses, viij. peyr of shete3, that is to say, ij. peyre of ye best shete3 of reynes and ij. peyr of clothe of lake and iiij. peyr of gode gentilmens shetes of ij. webbe3 and di.; also ij. pair of fustiannes, iiij. pair of blanketts, vj. coverletts and xviij. pelose, yat is to say, iiij. of ye grettest and longest of doune, and viij. other doune pelose, and vj. peloes of scaped fedirs ; and also al the stuff that longeth to ye pantre, botre, kechyn, bakhows, and brewhouse, to his owne use : except al maner plate of silver, and also alle ye hyngyng of worsted in the chapell and closets. And over that ye said Sir Thomas desireth and praith his seid executours that thai delyver to the forsaid William his son, or to which of his

* An Anglicised form of the Latin *major*, the greater or larger.

† Sir Thomas Chaworth's second wife was one of the heiresses of the family of Aylesbury. Alice his mother, the only child of Sir John Caltoft, was one of the heiresses of the lordly house of Bassett of Drayton.

other soones that God ordeynyth to be his heir, a grete salte salar gilte with banars and fanes, a grete rose bolle with a coverkill pounsed with his armes in the bothom, a boke of Englissh ye which is called Policonicon, another boke of Notes of Fynes, all the beddes and costirs for chaumber, hengyng for ye halle and parlor of tapisserwerk, and alle the kuchyns of tapisserwerk with alamite3, and certeyn ornaments of the chapell as foloith, yat is to say : a box of silver for our Lord's body of the lesse price, a gilte chale3, the less paxe brede of silver, a sakeryng belle of silver, ij. cruetts of silver, ij. candelstykks of silver, the best Mes boke, another olde Messe boke with a boke of Placebo and Dirige liggyng in his seid closed at the chapell, in the which ar titled of olde tyme the Obitts of the auncetors as welle of the faders of the said Sir Thomas as of his moder, the lesce Antiphoner of iiij., a Graile, a Manuell, a litel Portose, the which the saide Sir Thomas toke wt hym alway when he rode, a Sawter with Placebo and Dirige and an Hympner in the same, lyggynge in his saide closet, alle the rayment of the awters of the birds of velvet with the vestement of the same sorte, a vestement of rede damaske with tabernacles and images in theym with ij. tunycles of the same suete ; to have and to holde unto hym or to thaim and to their heires males of thar bodies begoton, be succession from oon till another, with oute any alienacon or fraude to be done to yis my present wille, as my suffrayn trust is in you. And over this the said Sir Thomas Chaworth chargith the said William and alle his brether, as thai wille eschewe his indignacion, and have Godd's blessyng and his, to perfourme and execute ye same wille, as is abofe specified, an in noon other wise. Also the said Sir Thomas praith his said executors yt thei delyvere un to William Fitzwilliam my son in lawe ye grettest roose pece of silver next the roose bolle ; and also yat thai delyvere un to George Chaworth his soon alle his stuff yat he hath at Alfreton, except ij. fournayes in fourme, he to remeve them at his awne wille after ye decesse of the said Sir Thomas un to any place yat he purpose hym to dwelle at; but if so be yat William Chaworth his brother or his heir male be the avise of ij. or of iij. of the executours of the said Sir Thomas will bye hit, or accorde wt hym therfore, but in noon other entente but yat the said George shulde have the forsaid stuff to go to howsehold with. And to my cosyn Robert Clifton squyer a newe boke of Inglisse, ye which begynnyth with ye lyffe of Seynt Albon and Amphiabell and other mony dyvers lyfe3 and thynges in ye same boke, and unto my cosyn Richard Willughby squyer an Englisse boke called Grace de Dieu. And also the said Sir Thomas praith his saide feeffe3, yt if hit happen hym to dye without issue male, yat thei ordeyne, founde

and stable a chauntre with in the maner of Wyverton, after the forme and effecte as is conteyned in a paire of Indentures writen in Latyn, sealed with the same seall of armes that yis present wille is sealed with; and yat than alle the saide maners, &c., except those yat are disposed for ye said chauntre and also yat ben tailed, shalbe sole to the most availe, and ye mone to be disposed in warkes of mercy for his sowle and alle Cristens.—Alle his juellys and other mevable godes, alswell in accon as in possession, the which ar not in this present wille otherwise legate or disposed, to be solde for the complishment of this will.—Also ye said Sir Thomas will and desirith his seid feeffees y^t^ thai will after his decesse make general manumissions to certeyne persones, bandmen and whamen unto the said Sir Thomas, y^t^ have doone hym long service in his lyve, yat is to sey, to Richard Barsse and to Margery Baker, Margerie Shakesper and to John of the halle. Also the said Sir Thomas Chaworth besechith, praith and requirith his seid feffe3 and executors yat yai will vouchesafe to make prevay for the executyng of his testament and yis his wille, Robert Clifton, Richard Willoughby esquyeres, and Thomas Nevill of Darlton, or ij. of thaym; and to have thair avise and assent yerto in every thing of charge yerto perteyning, be cawse yai have been moost ripe ther ine, and oft tymes have ben labored and enfourmed be ye said Sir Thomas of mony of ye circumstaunce for ye executyng and perfourmyng of the said testament and wille. And also the said Sir Thomas besechith his said feffe3 and executours, of the grete cordiall affeccon that he hath in thaym before alle other creatures, that this present will be performed in every poynte in als mykell as thei may, as thai ther of wille answar be fore the hye Juge in the moost dredefull jugement. And to oversee the said supplicacons and wille, the said Sir Thomas hath ordeyned ye most reverende fader in God William, now be ye grace of God Archebisshopp of York, or any of his successours that shall happen to be Archbisshop of York at the dyeing of ye said Sir Thomas, Richard Byngham Justice of the Kynges Benke, and Maister William Gulle of Notingham doctour of divinitie, surviars; and will y^t^ the said most reverend fader or his successours at the dethe of the said Sir Thomas have his best gilte pece called the roose boll, and Richard Byngham an Englissh booke called Orilogium Sapienciæ, and Maister Gull have a boke writen in Latyn called Policonicon, or ellys a rose peece with a coverkill of the sorte. Also the said Sir Thomas mekely besechith the said moost reverend fader and his successsours that the executours of the testament of the said Sir Thomas be rewarded competently, everych after the quantite of his labor, be the hye discreccion and avise of the said moost

reverend fader or his successours.* And if soo be yat be manne3 witte ther may be founden in this saide wille any contrariand thyngg or double rehersall or writyng, that than hit be taken to the beest entent and to the comon understandyng and entent, and not after the doublenesse, inconvenience or repugnance in any maner wise. In wittenesse of alle the which promises, the said Sir Thomas be goode deliberacon and avise hath sette to his seal of armes. Giflen the xvj. day of Januar, the yere of kyng Henry the sext the xxxvij.

Also the said Sir Thomas praith his said feffe3—that they graunte a rente charge unto Margere Baker of iiij. marc be yere, goyng out of the maner of Edwalton, and unto Jonet Butteler another rent charge of iiij. marc by yer, goyng out of the same maner, opon condicion that thei and aither of thaym kepe them selfe soole, unwedded, and in clennesse of thair bodye3 from feliship of man, and in good name and fame; for seene alway, that if the forsaid Sir Thomas in his lyve, or elle3 his executors after his decesse, bye thaym a lyveray in an abbay, that they may have ther in for terme of thair lyve3 howsyng to dwelle ine and mete and drynk competent for thair degre, that than xl s. be yer of the said iiij. marc in aither of their partie3 cesse and be noo longur paied. And also the the said Sir Thomas praith his said executours that thai after his decesse paie of his mevable goodes unto Marger' Shaksper for hir gode servyce vj. marc to hir mariage.

CLXXX. ALICIA DALBY DE NOTINGHAM.

Mar. xxviij. M.cccc.lix. Ego Alicia Dalby de Notingham—Lego fabricæ Sanctæ Crucis in le rodeloft ecclesiæ predictæ xx s. Et eidem cruci in le rodeloft duos lapides de byrrall et v s. in auro fracto. Lego ecclesiæ Sancti Petri predictæ xxxj. uncias, dimidiam unce, et dimidiam quarterii unius unce argenti sigillatas in panno lineo ad faccionem unius censuræ.

CLXXXI. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI FLEMMYNG ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Vicesimo die mensis Aprilis A.D. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Robertus Flemmyng †—sepeliend. in Abba-

* By his letters testimonial dated on the 22nd of September, 1461, the Archbishop of York remunerates the executors of this will in the following manner ;—To Robert Clifton he allows 40 marks ; to William Fitzwilliam 40 marks ; to Richard Willoughby (who appears to have had all the work) 40*l.* ; to Ralph Reresby 20 marks ; and to Thomas Neville 40 marks. [*Reg. Boothe*, 281-2.]

† The family of Fleming had been seated at Wath from the reign of Henry I. The

thia Sancti Oswaldi. Item meam murram togam, nomine principalis. Item in cera viij d., in pane ij s., in servicia ij s., in casio viij d., pro pulsacione vj d. Ricardo Derby xiij s. iiij d. Margaretæ servienti meæ xx s. Conventui S. Oswaldi xiij s. iiij d. Item vij. marcas ad inveniendum unum capellanum per annum. Residuum Magistro Roberto Flemmyng * decano Lincoln et dominæ Beatrici Waterton,† et facio ipsos facio executores meos.—[*Prob.* 18 *Jul.* 1459.]

CLXXXII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS DAUTREE DE EBOR.

In nomine Patris et Filii et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Johannes Dautre,‡ sanus. Lego et commendo animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, Creatori meo, adjuvante et mediante gloriosissima Maria, regina cœli, domina et matre misericordiæ; et corpus meum, verius cadaver putridum, sepeliendum coram altari Sanctæ Trinitatis in ecclesia mea par. S. Michaelis juxta pontem Use, coram ymagine Sanctissimi Johannis Baptistæ,

founder of the house is a certain Reginald Flandrensis, a name which plainly tells us of the origin of its bearer. The testator does not appear in any of the recorded pedigrees of the family. On the 17th of September, in the 38th of Henry VI. William Fleming of Wath, Esq. makes his will, which was proved at York on the 4th of May, 1461. In it he left 10*l.* for the jointure of William Fleming, his son and heir, and Elizabeth his wife, daughter of John Wombwell, Esq. together with a rent of 66*s.* 8*d.* after his decease out of his farms of Croston and Mawdesley in Lancashire. To his daughter Eufame he left the sum of 80*l.* He likewise mentions his son John Fleming, his son John Caterall, his wife Anne, and his brother John Wombwell. William Fleming, who is mentioned in the will which has just occurred, and who became Lord of Wath after his father's death, left two daughters and coheirs. He was killed at Wath, but we are unacquainted with the cause of his death.

* Robert Fleming, Dean of Lincoln, in all probability a near relative of the testator. His brother Richard Fleming was Bishop of Lincoln, and was translated to the see of York, but the King refused to sanction the appointment which the Pope had made. He was the munificent founder of Lincoln College, Oxford. The two brothers were scholars of no ordinary ability, and they ranked among the most learned men of the day.

† There is some little uncertainty as to the maiden name of this lady. According to Glover, she was the daughter and heiress of Robert Fleming of Woodhall, in Methley, the testator, and the wife of Sir Robert Waterton of Methley, a distinguished warrior and statesman. If this be true, and the prominent position which Dame Beatrix occupies in the present will makes it extremely probable, Sir Robert was twice married, as he mentions his wife Cecily in his will. The Countess of Cambridge in her will, which has already occurred, mentions her niece Dame Beatrix Waterton. Sir Robert's sister-in-law was a daughter of John Lord Clifford, the brother of the Countess.

‡ A gentleman of high legal attainments and extensive practice. The will of his father, Thomas Dautre, has been already given (No. XLIV.). That document has much in it to interest the reader, but it is greatly inferior in value and curiosity to the will which is now before us. The testator whilst he followed the profession of his father at the same time inherited his taste, and this will, the last perhaps that he was permitted to draw out, gives us a very pleasing picture of its compiler.

quem præ ceteris Sanctis a juventute mea in maximo ardoris amore habuissem ; ut ipse Beatissimus Johannes, pro me misero Johanne, apud suum misericordem nepotem interveniat precibus suis sacris. Item lego rectori ecclesiæ meæ parochialis optimum indumentum meum, nomine mortuarii mei, et eidem pro decimis oblitis vj s. viij d. Item lego magistro Willelmo Langton,* spirituali patri meo, cui maxime teneor amore, usum unius libri, pro termino vitæ suæ, quem librum Beatus Ricardus le Scrop † habuit et gerebat in sinu suo tempore suæ decollacionis, supplicando eidem magistro Willelmo ut ipse predictum librum post mortem suam cathenandum liberet et dimittat juxta locum ubi corpus ejusdem Ricardi requiescit, ibidem pro remanere. Lego duos cereos ponderis viij lb. ceræ comburendos circa corpus meum tempore exequiarum mearum. Lego quatuor torchias comburendas circa corpus meum, precii cujuslibet ij s., quorum (*sic*) duo volo remanere summo altari, et unum altari ubi corpus meum requiescit, et quartum capellæ domini Ricardi le Scrop extra muros. Lego fabricæ novæ tabulæ summi altaris eccles. Cath. Ebor. vj s. viiij d. Lego Alexandro filio meo et heredi meam optimam peciam deauratam cum armis meis et matris suæ. Et si —remaneat Willelmo filio meo. Lego eidem Alexandro ‡ unum

‡ William Langton, who was evidently on terms of great intimacy with the testator, was rector of St. Michael's Ousebridge, in York. Some extracts from his will have been already given in a note to No. LXXX.

† A personal relic of one of the most popular prelates that ever sat upon the bench. It is probably the same book which was bequeathed to the testator in his father's will as "librum parvum vocatum Scropp." The murdered Archbishop is here spoken of in such reverent and affectionate terms that we may be sure that there had been some intimate connection between the Archbishop and the testator's family. His father, Thomas Dautre, probably owed his success in life to the kind offices of that prelate, and had many opportunities of experiencing that courtesy of demeanour and that fascinating affability of manner for which the deceased Archbishop was so especially distinguished. The book which is here bequeathed may have been taken from the bosom of the sufferer by the father himself, and we cannot therefore wonder at the son inheriting with the precious relique all his father's feelings of affectionate regard for the patron he had lost. He may perhaps have witnessed that act of cruelty, and the strong feelings of the boy still clung to the gray-haired man. The memory of the Archbishop was held in the greatest veneration in his native county, and we cannot be surprised at it. Although he was himself a Yorkshireman, and a member of a powerful family which generally enforced rather than required respect, he did not owe his popularity to the splendour of his birth or the greatness of his position. The courtesy and kindness which he showed alike to all won for him the love and esteem of all, and when he, the common idol, died a martyr to a popular cause, almost before the gates of his own palace, we can readily understand how greatly the veneration of his admirers would be increased. After his death he was considered and worshipped as a Saint, and so great was the number of persons that flocked to his tomb that the King ordered the place to be covered over with logs of wood. The body of the Archbishop was interred in St. Stephen's Chapel in the Minster at York, where a plain altar tomb still marks his grave. Many were the honours which were paid to his memory, but I shall have occasion to refer again to the subject ere the volume closes. The will of a custodier of his sepulchre will soon occur.

‡ If the son was intended to follow the example of that great commander whose

librum de Gestis Alexandri et gladium meum, j. pelvim de peudir cum lavacro. Willelmo filio meo unam peciam deauratam quam habui ex legato domini Thomæ Morton,* et librum meum Bonaventuræ, ac librum Devocionum qui fuit patris mei, ac omnes libros concernentes legem Angliæ, præter Magnum Registrum; et unam cistam ligatam cum ferro in bassa camera et j. parvam murram et j. pelvim de peudir. Lego Guydoni filio meo unam peciam argenti cum le Antelop in summitate, j. parvam mappam, unam cistam in studio meo, et unum librum de Vita Sancti Thomæ Martiris. Johanni filio meo unam peciam argenti cum una aquila deaurata in summitate ejusdem, unam murram vocatam Crumpuldud, unum librum de Bello Trojanorum, et unum librum Catonis et Solempnia Pharaoris in eadem, et j. cistam in qua linthia mea jacent. Lego Ricardo filio meo j. peciam argenti per medium deauratam cum armis meis et murram meam coopertam quam habui ex dono domini Alexandri Nevill† militis, ac meum Psalterium elomned cum auro, ac librum vocatum Brito, et j. cistam in longa camera. Lego Eustachiæ filiæ meæ j. peciam argenti ad modum calicis cum ymagine Sancti Johannis Baptistæ et optimum Primarium quod fuit matris suæ, j. zonam deauratam cum le corse de purpill, unum lectum de cerico cum tapeto, j. archam in bassa camera super quam feci altare meum, j. coffre de pruce et j. magnam ollam eneam. Lego Isabellæ filiæ meæ j. peciam argenti ad formam campani per medium deauratam, j. zonam deauratam cum le corse diversis

name he bore, his mission was, to say the least, an ambitious one. The father of the testator, to whom this book belonged, had a son who bore the same name. He appears to have been an officer in the royal household, and he has a bequest in his father's will of "unum coller deauratum de corrodio Domini Regis."

* Thomas Morton, canon residentiary of York and prebendary of North Newbald in that church, to which he was appointed on the 23rd of August, 1423. This office he held till his death. He was also prebendary of Howden, rector of Settrington and of St. Peter's in the Willows. By his will, dated on the 10th of Jan. 1448-9, he desires to be buried in the Minster near the burial place of Master Robert Wolveden, late treasurer of the church, on the south-side. To his brother Robert Morton, parson of Bedale, he leaves a red bed, with curtains and costers, his best piece covered and gilt, for sweet wine, his Portiphor, which he has in his own keeping, and a little covered cup with a small foot standing upon three lions, with a cover gilt and *Maria* inscribed on the top. To Master Robert Morton, his cousin, "togam penulatam cum capucio penulato, de corrodio yemali Domini Regis, et unam togam cum capicio ejusdem de corrodio estivali Domini Regis." To John Marshall, chaplain, a little Portiphor and a silver piece. To Simon Sutton a silver piece covered, which belonged to Master John Carleton. To Thomas Donn, his clerk, a silver piece covered and pounced, which he used in travelling. To Joan, wife of Thomas Donn, a gilt piece covered for sweet wine "ad modum unius bykyr." To the building or repairing of the great bell-tower of Ripon 40*s*. To John Dautree (the testator) a gilt piece covered, the gift of Master William Cawod. To the mending or keeping up of the banks, gutters, and sewers of the Derwent, by which the fields of Barnby and Askilby are very often inundated and injured, 20*s*.

† Sir Alexander Neville of Thornton Bridge, whose will has been recently printed, No. CLXII.

coloribus ex utraque parte, unum parvum Primarium, j. lectum cum sole cum tapeto, j. archam juxta altare in bassa camera, j. coffre de pruce, et j. magnam ollam enneam. Et volo et ordino quod in casu quod predictæ filiæ meæ sint gubernatæ per voluntatem, consensum et assensum Guydonis Fayrefax * fratris mei in lege de suis maritagiis, tunc omnia legata per me superius facta habeant; si noluerint, predicta legata pro nullo habeantur, sed ad usum et commodum aliorum liberorum meorum integre convertantur. Guydoni Fayrefax supradicto optimam meam murram coopertam deauratam et unum Registrum Magnum quod fuit Willelmi Gascoigne † Justiciarii Angliæ. Isabellæ uxori dicti Guydonis unum annulum auri cum duabus ymaginibus in eodem sculptis, et Agneti sorori suæ unum par precarum de gette cum gaudiis argenti et deaurati, et Margaretæ filiæ suæ unam parvam zonam deauratam le corse de theker russet. Martino Youle antiquo servienti meo pro suo servicio michi et parentibus meis impenso, domum habitacionis in qua modo inhabitat, habendam, ad terminum vitæ suæ, libere et quiete. Et ad hoc moneo filium heredem meum, quemcunque pro tempore suo, sub pena maledicciones meæ habendæ, si ipsum molestaverit pro domo predicta, durante vita ipsius Martini. Lego eidem Martino j. lectum, viz. unum coverlett, unum par linthiaminum. Lego Johannæ Creswell consanguineæ meæ x s. Lego Glorioso Confessori Sancto Willelmo ‡ unum monile de auro cum perels, ita quod sit ordinatum et fixum super parvum feretrum quod geritur in Civitate cum sanctis reliquiis corporis sui. Item lego Beatissimo dilecto meo Sancto Ricardo Scrop unum par precarum de currall de numero quinquaginta cum gaudiis deauratis, ad juvamen suæ canonizacionis, quod Deus concedat pro sua magna gracia. Lego uni capellano ydoneo ad celebrandum pro anima mea et animabus parentum meorum, uxorum mearum, per duos annos ad altare ubi corpus meum requiescit ix l. vj s. viij d.—terræ meæ in

* Guy Fairfax of Steeton, the testator's brother in the law, was made a Justice of the King's Bench on the 29th of September, 1478. From him descended a long line of illustrious lawyers and distinguished statesmen. The testator's son Guy was probably called after him.

† The Register which belonged to the celebrated Chief Justice Gascoigne, with his reports of cases and opinions. The fortunate devisee of this volume profited by his legacy, as he was subsequently raised to the bench.

‡ St. William, the canonized Archbishop of York, died in 1154. After his decease miracles are said to have been performed at his tomb. When he was canonized his bones were removed from their old resting place by Archbishop Wickwane in the presence of Edward I. his Queen and Court, and were deposited in the nave of the Minster. A splendid shrine was erected over the tomb, which was enriched by many costly bequests and gifts of plate and jewels. Drake (p. 420) gives an interesting account of the opening of the Saint's tomb which he himself witnessed. It appears from the present will that the reliques of the saint were carried processionally through the city in a shrine.

Boutham—vendantur—pecunia accrescat, et detur ad maritagium Eustachiæ et Isabellæ filiarum mearum.—Executores Guydonem Fayrefax, Alexaundrum Dautre et Willielmum Dautre filios meos et dom. Robertum Pudsay * capellanum consanguineum meum. Lego dicto Roberto unum parvum librum cum ymaginibus in coopertorio et xx s. pro labore suo. Dat. Ebor. xx. Maii, A.D. M.cccc.lviij. [*Prob.* 14 *Aug.* 1459.]

CLXXXIII. TESTAMENTUM AGNETIS BEDFORD.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Agnes Bedford † de Kyngeston super Hull vidua, xiiij. Sep. M.cccc.lix.—sepeliend. in capella S. Trin. infra dictam villam, ante ymaginem Sanctæ Mariæ de Pyte. Mortuarium meum viz. meam togam nigram cum gray penulatam, curatis meis, juxta ritum villæ predictæ; et pro decimis meis oblitis xl s., et fabricæ capellæ pro sepultura mea xl s. Summo altari j. burdcloith et j. towell de twill. Johanni Dalton ‡

* Robert Pudsay of York was admitted to the order of Subdeacon by the suffragan of the Archbishop on the last of February, 1449-50. There was a respectable family of that name engaged in commerce in York in the 15th century, an offshoot probably from the house of Pudsay of Bolton.

† Agnes, successively widow of John Strother, Richard Dalton, and John Bedford. Her last husband was a wealthy merchant at Hull, and the testatrix herself died there, although she appears to have had some property in Newcastle, where, no doubt, she had previously resided. She died in affluent circumstances, and makes a valuable will. Her last husband, John Bedford, was a wealthy merchant at Hull. By his will, dated on the 23rd of December, 1450, which was proved at York on the 14th of May in the following year, he desires to be buried in the choir of the chapel of the Blessed Trinity, near the body of Elizabeth his wife. He leaves for his mortuary, "collobium penulatum cum martors." He bequeathes to Agnes his wife two covered silver pieces, twelve silver spoons with lions for knops, gilt, in recompense of a certain sum of money belonging to John Dalton, which the said Agnes his wife, the mother of the said John, lent to him. He also leaves to her his best cup, called, "le nutte," of silver and gilt, "unum hallyng paly grene et light grene," with three banquers of the same pattern. To his son Nicholas Bedford he gives a silver piece covered and gilt. To Master Thomas Bedford his son a silver piece covered and gilt, called "flat peece." To Richard Bedford his son he leaves a blood-red vestment for a priest, a silver chalice, a book called "le Portus," and a Missal. To John Dalton he gives another cup of silver and gilt, called "le nutte." To Helen Gare his daughter he gives a colored silver piece, called "flat pece," chased "cum signo vocato fonnez." He mentions Elizabeth and Anne the daughters of Richard, and John and Nicholas the sons of Nicholas, Bedford, his sons. He then makes provisions for the foundation of a chantry of the value of 100*s.* a-year together with eight marks for his yearly obit for his soul, the souls of Elizabeth and Agnes his wives, those of John late Duke of Bedford, John Tutbury, merchant, deceased, and for those of all his benefactors, for ever, in Trinity Church, Hull, and he desires that the priests who officiate may be taken from the roll (or table, as it is generally called) of the chapel of the Blessed Trinity.

‡ John Dalton of Hull the son of the testatrix by her second husband. He is mentioned with his mother in the will of Agnes widow of William Dalton of York, in 1445 (No. xc.). There was certainly a connection between his family and that of his namesake John Dalton of Hull, the ancestor of the Daltons of Hauxwell in

filio meo ij. mea pecia argenti operta et coopertorium, meum optimum bolpece, meum optimum dusann cocliarium, meum optimum nutt, meum optimum lectum cum uno tapett de aryss warke, meum optimum pece deauratum, unum alium pece deauratum quondam Johannis Dalton* presbiteri, meum optimum salt selar cum coopertorio, unum maser quondam patris ejus, meum optimum broche, meum optimum ouche de auro; j. par de linthiaminibus meis optimis, j. par blannketts de fustiane, j. annulum cum j. turchas, ij. alios annulos signatorios, quorum unus habet crucem, meum optimum pewderbox, ij. crewettes argenti. Elizabethæ uxori ejus j. par templeyrs cum peryll ornatum, j. par precum de auro cum j. broche eidem annexo, j. par precum de corall cum gaudes de gold, meam optimam zonam nigram, brode, unum de maximis de proys cofers. Item Agneti Swan meam zonam nigram vocatam Cristenynge gyrdill barred throgh oute et deauratam, j. de meis peciis optimis argenti et deauratam, dim. dos. cocliarium cum akehornes, j. parvum maser novum, j. par de templeyrs cum peryll ornatum, j. par corall bedes langest cum j. broche de auro et j. knop de peryll, j. de meis optimis cofers, meum optimum sadell, harnas de worsted, meas duas sellas cum harnes pertinente ad easdem, meum novum Primarium, j. librum cum Precibus quondam Johannis Dalton† capellani, meum secundum ouche de auro, j. par precum argenti quondam matris meæ. Predictæ Elizabethæ uxori dicti Johannis Dalton duos optimos meos annulos de auro. Johanni Swan seniori duas pecias argenti et coopertas vocatas bell peces, meum lees nutt, dim. dos. cocliarium argenti, j. bolpece powncett coopertum, j. parvum par precum de curall cum j. broche de auro ad easdem annexo,

Richmondshire, but I have not hitherto been able to unite them. I believe that both of them sprang from York, where there was a respectable family of merchants of that name. These two Johns cannot be identical, as the ancestor of the Hauxwell line died in 1458, but if more evidence be attained, it will probably be found that they were cousins. It will perhaps be discovered that John Dalton, the son of the testatrix, was the ancestor of a family of that name, which lived in the neighbourhood of Newcastle, where the second husband of the testatrix seems to have died.

* Probably John Dalton, who was vicar of All Saints on Peaseholme Green, in York. His nuncupative will, dated 15 April, 1433, was proved at York, two days afterwards. Robert Dalton his brother was his executor.

† Sir John Dalton of York, chaplain, died in 1438. He occurs in a matrimonial suit in the year 1432. It appears that his sister Margaret Dalton, whom all the witnesses flatteringly describe as "virgo juvenis, pulcra et formosa," was, in the year 1432, a ward of Robert Clenyng of Burneby, and Margery his wife, who was her godmother. The fair damsel had been contracted to one John Warde of Burneby, who had been faithless, and had deserted her for one Alice Skelton. This desertion begets a suit for breach of promise of marriage, in which it is stated, I presume as a proof of the respectability of the complainant, that Sir John Dalton of York, chaplain, was her brother. Her brothers, Richard Dalton of Burneby, then of the age of 30 years, and Robert Dalton, of the age of 28, appear as witnesses for their sister. She had another sister, who bore the curious name of Ibbota ; she was then wife to Robert Pirles of Hayton.

j. pruce cofer, j. zonam nigram argenti cum Kateren wheyls et deauratam, j. lectum cum j. tapeto de owched warke, meum lees salt seler pale argenti, j. pewderbox argenti, j. burdecloth, j. shete wit white silke, j. towell de playn cloith. Willelmo Sanderson capellano j. peciam playn et flatt argenti deauratam et coopertam. Ricardo Staneley capellano unam peciam flatt argenti deauratam coopertam, j. par linthiaminum de optimis. Nicholao Wetwange j. broche de auro cum uno pawtener de auro, et uxori ejus j. annulum de auro. Johanni Marcer dim. dos. cocliarium argenti quibus cotidie utor, j. gobelett argenti deauratum et coopertum. Roberto Marcer fratri ejusdem dim. dos. cocliarium argenti quibus cotidie utor, j. bolpece flatt argenti et coopertam quondam Johannis Dalton, j. par linthiaminum. Johanni Marcer j. par linthiaminum. Johannæ Strother dim. dos. cocliarium argenti cum akchorns, meum lectum rubium cum uno tapett de chalon warke, meam zonam viridem argenteam et deauratam cum xiiij. barris, j. parvam murram cum uno band argenti et deaurati, j. federbede cum uno bouster, j. par linthiaminum, j. metecloth, j. towell de playnecloth et liij s. iiij d. Johanni Strother filio pred. Johannæ j. pewderbox et vj s. viij d. Agneti Rodes j. zonam viridem, brode, argenteam et deauratam. Agneti Albright j. grenbede cum j. tapett quondam matris meæ, j. olde pruce cofer et xx s. Elenæ Marche j. burdecloith, j. towell de lynnyncloith et xiij s. iiij d. Ivero meo servienti j. blew coverlett, j. par linthiaminum de hardencloith et xx s. Isabellæ Halytreholme j. coverlett de grene et xiij s. iiij d., j. grettest braspott, j. litill pott cum j. startt, j. old pruce cofer. Thomæ Elley capellano celebranti—per tres annos—quolibet anno c s. Lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes infra villam Novi Castri super Tynam iij l. vj s. viij d. Adomaro Heryng xxvj s. viij d. et j. par linthiaminum sewed with white silke. Isabellæ Halytreholme j. candilstike. Johanni Gray j. gobelett argenti et deauratum set non coopertum. Johanni Swan juniori meum Primerium quo cotidie utor. Volo quod obitus virorum meorum Johannis Strother* et Ricardi Dalton†

* John Strother, the first husband of the testatrix, bears the name of a good Northumberland family. He was probably a merchant at Newcastle, where he seems to have been interred.

† Richard Dalton, the second husband of the testatrix, and the father of her son John Dalton. We may perhaps infer that he had died in Newcastle, from the fact that his obit was to be celebrated in the church of the Friars Minors in that town. There was also a family of Dalton in the vicinity of Newcastle during the sixteenth century. But, supposing that Richard Dalton did live and die in Newcastle, I am still inclined to believe that he was of Southern extraction, and connected with the York family to which I have already alluded. There was always an intimate connection between the great commercial towns; and the family of Bird, which attained to such wealth in Newcastle, is known to have migrated from Hull. In 1436, Beatrix, wife of Richard Dalton of York, tanner, died and was interred in the church of All Saints, North Street. Her husband was then surviving.

annuatim fiat imperpetuum apud Fratres Minores Novi Castri super Tinam—Lego Johanni Dalton filio meo ad sustentacionem ejusdem octo solidatas redditus jacentis apud Saynt Nicholas Style Nov. Castr., ut ipse provideat. Lego eidem omnia terras et tenementa—in le Hygate infra villam de Kyngeston super Hull—sibi et heredibus—rem. Agneti Swan ad term. vitæ—rem. Johanni Swan juniori filio predicti Johannis Swan senioris et Agnetis—rem. executoribus meis. Lego Thomæ Heryng patri predicti Adomari xxvj s. viij d.—Lego Elenæ Hemelsay parvum tabelett de auro. Johannæ Strother meam togam nigram. Johannæ Mold meam aliam togam nigram non penulatam.—Residuum Johanni Dalton filio meo. [*Prob.* 18 *Oct.* 1459.]

CLXXXIV. TESTAMENTUM ELENÆ GILLIOTT DE HULL.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Elyn Gilliott* of Kyngeston opon Hull wedowe. The first day of the moneth of Januar, the yere of oure Lord M.cccc.lix., beyng in hole mynd—my body to be beryde in the capell of the holy Trinite be side my husband. Item for my corse present my best goune. I forgife Bertyn my son all that he awes me.—I wit to the kirkwark of the chapell of oure Lady in Kyngeston opon Hull iij s. iiij d. I witt to the house of Feryby for to pray for my saule my long tabill and j. yetteling with the eres. Then I witt to the house of Newsom for to pray for my saule j. houle basyn for to whessh thare corporaxes in. To Sir John my son the chanon of Newsom j. payre of bedes gete with gawdes of silver, and j. crucifix and j. Saynt James shell hangyng at the same bedes. To Bertyn my signet of gold that was his faders. I will that Janet Everingham my doghter, if so be that sho be with j. doghter, that it have my felett of perill, and if she be with j. son I will that Jenet the doghtter of Bertyn my son have the same felett of perell. To William ye son of Bertyn one blake girdill harnest with silver. To John Dysmy one pot of brace with one brode mouth. [*Prob.* 18 *Jan.* 1459-60.]

* Widow of William Gelyot of Hull, roper. He made his will on the Feast of the Epiphany, 1448, in which he desired to buried in the chapel of the Blessed Trinity. To his son John, the canon, Abbot of Newsom, he left his white zone, adorned with silver. To Joan his daughter he bequeathed a red bed, with swans and leopards' heads. To Margaret, the wife of Bertin his son, he left his black zone of leather, with heads of angels of silver. He mentions his wife Ellen, the testatrix.

CLXXXV. TEST. JOHANNIS SAYVELL ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xx Apr. A.D. M.cccc.lix. Ego Johannes Sayvell * de Copley, armiger—sepeliend. in ecclesia vel cimiterio de Halifax. Lego fabricæ ejusdem campanilis xx s. Lego campanis ejusdem ecclesiæ vj s. viij d. Lego pauperibus v s. distribuendos inter eos in honore quinque vulnerum Christi. Ordino Matild. uxorem meam, Nicholaum Sayvell † fratrem meum, Johannem Sayvell filium meum et Thomam Strenger capellanum meos executores — supervisorem Johannem Lacy ‡ armigerum. Residuum Johannæ, Annæ et Margaretæ filiabus meis. [*Prob.* 21 *Jan.* 1459-60.]

CLXXXVI. TESTAMENTUM GUYDONIS ROUCLYFF.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Guido Rouclyff § — sep. in eccles. par. de Escrike.—Lego fabricæ campanilis eccles. par. de Escrik xl s. et quandam veterem plumbeam confractam. Willelmo Palmes ‖ xx marcas. Magistro Johanni Rouclyff filio meo Portiforium meum cum benedictione mea paterna. Cuilibet aliorum filiorum et filiarum meorum xl s., cum benedictione, vel valorem per avisiamentum Johannæ uxoris meæ matris eorum. Residuum Johannæ uxori meæ, ad disponendum. Executores constituo Johannam ux., Brianum Rouclyff,¶ Willelmum Rouclyff, magistrum Johannem Rouclyff, Thomam Rouclyff filios meos, et Willelmum Palmes. Dat. xxij. Oct. A. Regn. H. vj. xxxviij. [*Prob.* 28 *Mar.* 1460.]

* John Saville, of Copley, Esq. married Maud Trafford, by whom he had several children. His father, Henry Saville, acquired the estate by his marriage with Eleanor, daughter and heiress of Thomas Copley. His will, dated on the 21st of November, 1437, was proved at York on the 26th of November, in the same year. He desired to be buried in the church of Halifax, and he left the residue of his estate to John, Thomas, and Nicholas Saville, and Richard Littester, draper.

† Nicholas Saville of the Bank married Joan, daughter of John Lacy of Cromwellbotham.

‡ John Lacy, of Cromwellbotham, Esq. was connected by marriage with the family of Saville. On the 5th of April, 1474, he makes his will, in which he desires to be buried in the church at Halifax. He mentions the children of his sons and daughters—his sons Richard and Gilbert Lacy, Joan daughter of Gilbert, and John son of Richard Lacy.

§ Guy Rocliffe, Esq., was made recorder of York in the 4th of Henry VI. He married Joan, daughter of Thomas de Burgh, of Kirtlington, co. Notts, by whom he had a large family.

‖ William Palmes of Naburne, Esq. the husband of Ellen Rocliffe, the testator's daughter. For some notices of him I must refer my readers to a note appended to his father's will (No. xxiv.) Another of the daughters of the testator married Sir John Dawney, and carried her father's name to her son Sir Guy Dawney of Cowick, who married the heiress of the Darrels of Sessay.

¶ A Baron of the Exchequer, to which office he was appointed Nov. 2, 1458. He was a very eminent lawyer and a distinguished man. His will is a very valuable one.

CLXXXVII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS ULCEBY DE BEVERLACO BOCHER.

Ju. xxv. M.cccc.lx. Ego Johannes Ulceby de Beverlaco bocher—sep. coram ymagine Sancti Cristoferi in navi ecclesiæ B. Joh. Beverlaci, juxta corpora Elizabethæ et Annæ dudum uxorum mearum—Lego ad fabricam eccles. par. B. Mariæ Beverlaci j. shopam cum una camera in rangia vocata Boucher Rawe, pro obitu ibidem annuatim faciendo — cum quatuor campanis pulsandis ad eundem. Lego Edwardo Gower armigero pro una sella sibi emenda xx s.

CLXXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ NYKSON.

Ap. j. M.cccc.lxj. Ego Thomas Niksone * de Welberfosse—sep. in eccles. mea par. de W. juxta sepulcrum Roberti Hoton, ex parte boriali—Item volo quod executores mei edificent, seu edificari faciant, unum campanile de masoncrafte, ad occidentalem partem de Welberfosse ecclesiæ, et finiant, prout opus est inceptum, de bonis meis ad summitatem xvij. ulnarum subtus le batelment, si parochiani cariagium fecerint seu fieri faciant ad dictum opus perficiendum.

CLXXXIX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI COMITIS SARUM.

In nomine Sanctæ Trinitatis, ejusdemque Individuæ Unitatis, Patris, et Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, Amen. Ego Ricardus Comes Sarum,† sciens me viam universæ carnis ingressurum, condo et

* This will contains an interesting bequest to the church of Wilberforce. I have always extracted with great care any notices which bear upon the architectural history of the period.

† Richard Earl of Salisbury, one of the many scions of the princely family of Neville, and the founder of a short-lived house, which was fairer even than the mother from which it sprang. He was the eldest son of Ralph Neville, first Earl of Westmerland, by his second wife Joan Beaufort, daughter of John of Gaunt. The immense influence of his father secured for him an illustrious consort. She was the sole heiress of the great house of Montacute, with the queenly dower of the ancient Baronies of Montacute and Monthermer. The title of her sire was revived in the person of her lord by letters patent dated on the 4th of May, 1442. Richard Neville was now in right of his position one of the greatest nobles in the realm, and the restless energy of the Nevilles made him maintain it well. His honours were numerous and great. In the 1st and 2nd of Henry VI. he was Warden of the West Marches, and a commissioner to treat for peace with Scotland. In the 11th of Henry VI. he was Warden of the West Marches, and in the following year he was made Warden of both the East and West Marches. In the 14th of Henry VI. he was retained by the King to serve in his army in France and Normandy with 3 bannerets, 7 knights, 249 men-at-arms, and 1040 archers. In 26 Henry VI. he was again Warden of the West Marches and Governor of Carlisle. In 29 Henry VI. he was once more appointed a commissioner to treat for peace with Scotland. In 32 Henry VI. he, in conjunction with several other nobles, undertook the guardianship of the seas. The wars of the Roses now broke out, and the immense influence of the Earl of Salisbury was one of the main supports of the house of York. To this side he uniformly adhered, and he gave to it the warmest and the strongest assistance. At the great

facio istud testamentum meum sive hanc ultimam voluntatem meam in hunc modum. Inprimis commendo animam meam Deo plasmatori meo, gloriosæque Virgini Mariæ, matri suæ, atque Omnibus Sanctis ejus; corpusque meum sepeliendum in Monasterio de Bustelsham,* patronatus mei et carissimæ uxoris meæ Alesiæ † Comitissæ Sarum in jure suo, in quodam loco ibidem per me avisato Priori domus illius, et aliis de consilio meo satis cognito, inter nobiles Dominos nuper Comites Sarum antecessores ejusdem uxoris meæ; ad cujus quidem loci sepulturæ meæ et tumbæ meæ ibidem fabricam, modo et forma per me antea avisatis, si non perficiantur in vita mea, do et lego de bonis meis CC. marcas, vel plus aut minus, secundum discrecionem executorum meorum infrascriptorum. Item do et lego pro expensis funeralibus die sepulturæ meæ ibi fiendis C. marcas, vel majus aut minus secundum eandem discrecionem, ultra xl. marcas tunc inter pauperes et indigentes pro anima mea per executores meos distribuendas

battles at St. Alban's and Blore Heath he contributed greatly to the success of the Yorkists. In the 38th of Henry VI. there was a strong reaction in favour of the House of Lancaster, and the Earl of Salisbury was obliged to cross the seas. He was attainted in his absence. In the following year he returned to England, and was present at the great battle of Northampton. He was now constituted Lord Great Chamberlain of England, in reward for his services to his party. In the very next engagement, however, the fortunes of the contending parties were reversed. It was the fatal fight at Wakefield, so disastrous to the Yorkists and their adherents. The Duke of York himself was slain, and the Earl of Salisbury was taken prisoner and beheaded. His head was afterwards fixed upon one of the gates of the city of York—a mournful termination of the career of one of the greatest and most able of our English Barons. He fell in December, 1460, and on the 13th of April in the following year the permission to administer to his effects was granted to his widow the Lady Alesia, to Richard Earl of Warwick, John Lord Montacute, Sir James Strangeways, Kt., Thomas Witham, William Ireland, and Sir John Middleton, chaplain. In the Wills and Inventories, published by the Surtees Society, p. 69, several of the letters of this great nobleman have been printed, and a specimen of his autograph has been given.

* The monastery of Bustlesham or Bysham Montague, now Bisham, in Berkshire, was originally a Preceptory of the Knights Templars. It afterwards came into the possession of William Montacute Earl of Salisbury, who in 1338 built a Priory here for Austin Canons. Many of the family of Montacute were interred there. The founder's son William was buried there, and his widow Elizabeth de Mohun desires to be laid beside her lord in 1414. John de Montacute the next Earl was buried at Cirencester, but his remains were removed to Bustlesham by royal licence in the 5th Henry V. The last of the old Earls of Salisbury, the father-in-law of the testator, desires to be interred among his ancestors at Bustlesham. The testator and his wife were buried there, and their son the kingmaker laid his bones beside theirs. At the Dissolution, the abbey, with its buildings, was converted into the mansion of the family of Hoby.

† Alesia, the only child and heir of Thomas Lord Montacute, Earl of Salisbury, and Lord Monthermer, by Alianora, daughter of Thomas, and sister and coheir of Edmund Earl of Kent. Her father, a famous warrior and a distinguished man, was killed at the Siege of Orleans on the 3rd of November, 7 Henry VI. His daughter was now one of the wealthiest heiresses in England, and she was wooed and won by a man who was well fitted by his birth and talents to fill the loftiest position that the realm could offer. She had a large family by the testator, whom she survived. Her own dignity and power were not extinguished by the titles of her Lord, and we can easily understand how so many of the Yorkshire gentry were desirous of securing the patronage of the lady of Middleham and Sheriffhutton for the fulfilment of their wills.

ibidem. Item volo et ordino et super hoc deprecor et exhortor dictam uxorem meam et heredes meos, quod ipsi quandam convencionem in quodam scripto indentato inter me ex parte una, et Priorem et Conventum loci predicti ex altera factam, contentam, super appropriacione ipsis ecclesiæ de Stokeham, faciant et compellant ipsos ex parte sua in omnibus bene et fideliter tenere et perimplere secundum veram intencionem meam in eodem scripto plenius declaratam. Item volo et ordino quod de bonis meis distribuantur inter pauperes puellas non habentes unde maritentur xl. marcas ad maritagia earundem per discrecionem dictæ uxoris meæ et aliorum executorum meorum. Item volo et ordino quod c li. de bonis meis distribuantur pro missis, elemosinis et aliis operibus caritatis per executores meos omni festinacione pro animabus illorum a quibus aliquid immerito negligenter aut ignoranter habui vel cepi. Item do et lego religiosis cujuslibet domus Fratrum et Monialium in Comitatu Ebor. xx s.; ita quod iidem religiosi et religiosæ cujuslibet hujusmodi domus dicant et dici faciant Placebo, Dirige, et Commendacionem ac Missam de Requiem pro anima mea. Item do et lego ecclesiæ de Midelham unum vestimentum integrum de baudekyn cum capa, tunicles, chesible, albis et paruris. Et consimile vestimentum integrum ecclesiæ de Shirrefhoton. Item do et lego Monasterio de Bustelham predicta die sepulturæ meæ ibidem oblandos duos coursours, unum hernesium de armaturis meis completum cum meis coet-armor, vexillo, standard et alio apparatu, prout moris est pro dominis status mei oblando, et secundum discrecionem executorum meorum. Item volo et ordino quod fideliter computetur inter executores testamenti dominæ et matris meæ, Johannæ * nuper comitissæ Westmerland, et executores meos, de omnibus rebus quæ fuerint dictæ matris meæ ad usum meum habitis seu captis, ac de omnibus solucionibus per me pro domino et patre meo Radulpho † nuper comite Westmerland et dicta domina mea et matre pro terris suis solutis et factis, et super hoc fiat debita satisfactio, ubi fieri debeat, secundum sanas consciencias executorum utriusque partis. Item do et lego dictæ uxori meæ quendam lectum integrum de purple baudekyn auri cum omnibus tapetis

* Joan, daughter of John of Gaunt. Her first husband was Sir Robert Ferrers, and after his death she became the second wife of Ralph Earl of Westmerland, to whom she bore the testator, &c. After the death of her lord, who died in 1425, she seems to have spent the greater part of the remaining years of her life at Sheriffhutton Castle. She died on the 13th November, 1440, and was buried in Lincoln Cathedral. Her will, dated 10 May, 1440, is given in the Appendix to the Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres, No. ccxx.

† Ralph, first Earl of Westmerland, the father of the testator, died in 1425, and was buried under a splendid altar-tomb in Staindrop Church. His will, to which an interesting account of him is appended, occurs in the "Wills and Inventories," one of the earliest of the publications of the Surtees Society, No. 21.

de airice de pirro lecto illi pertinentibus, unum ciphum auri ad electionem suam, xij. discos et ij. chargeours argenti, ij. pottez potellers planos deauratos, ij. pottez albos et j. par de basyns deauratum, quæ fuerunt Thomæ nuper Episcopi Dunelmensis,* necnon partem omnium bonorum meorum ipsam de jure contingentem. Item volo et ordino quod feoffati mei in castro, manerio et villa de Sherrifhoton, Estlillyng, Westlillyng et Raskell cum pertinentiis, inde faciant statum dictæ uxori meæ habendum ad terminum vitæ suæ, remansurum inde Ricardo † filio meo primogenito, etc. in tallia secundum finem de Shirrifhoton in curia Domini Regis levatum. Item volo et ordino quod feoffati in omnibus dominiis, castris, maneriis, terris et tenementis de hereditate dictæ uxoris meæ faciant statum inde immediate post mortem meam, talem qualem ipsa habuerit in eisdem ante finem per ipsam eisdem feoffatis levatum, manerio de Shenley cum pertinentiis excepto unde ex assensu dictæ uxoris meæ aliter est provisum inferius declaratum. Item volo quod feoffati in maneriis, terris et tenementis quæ habui de Domino Rege pro ecclesia de Ryngwod, preter ea quæ data sunt Thomæ ‡ filio meo

* *Robert* Neville, Bishop of Durham, was the testator's brother. Thomas Langley, who died Bishop of Durham in 1437, is here spoken of. Robert Neville died in 1457, and was interred in the Neville Chapel in the Cathedral of Durham. His will is given in the Appendix to the Hist. Dunelm. Scriptores Tres, No. cclv.

† Richard Neville, Earl of Salisbury and Warwick, the eldest son of the testator, the greatest subject that ever lived, upon whose exploits and grandeur the historian and the novelist have alike dwelt with pleasure. His marriage with the heiress of the Beauchamps added to the splendour of his inheritance, and his valour and extraordinary energy, combined with his profuse liberality and fascinating manners, rendered him the idol of the nation. He was, in good truth, the setter up and the putter down of kings. The brilliant career of the kingmaker is too well known to be detailed here. Suffice it to say that he fell on the field of Barnet in 1471, fighting not for the cause for which his father died, but for the House of Lancaster. In the Auditors' Office at Durham, singularly enough, there is preserved one of the rolls which was annually made out by the keeper of the live stock of the great Earl. It is a valuable document, and fully confirms the accounts which we have received of the magnificence of his establishment. I add a document of a different nature which occurs in the contemporary register of the Archbishop of York. It tells its own tale, and will be read with interest.

Most Reverent Fader in God, right worshippfull and my gode Lorde. After due recommendacion to yor gode Lordship, please hit the same to witte, y^t I knowe for certain that the Scottez, the kynges auncien grete enemyes, with his traitours and rebellez, have entred this lande w^t grete puissance, entendyng to do therto and to the inhabitantez of ye same all the hurt and damage that thay can ymagine ; wherfore I, as the kings lieutenant, charge yon on his behalfe, and beseche and require yow on myn own, that ye doo ordeine ye clergie of yor diocise and province of York to come forth in all hast possible in thair moost defensible arraie, in as grete nombre as thai godely may be, to assiste me to the resistence of the malice of the saide enemyez, traitours and rebelles, so that thai be with me at Duresme on Friday next comyng, as ye woll ansuer to the Kyngs Highnesse, and upon all perill that ther of may fall. And oure Lorde have yow in his blessid kepyng. Writen at my Castell of Midelham the xith day of Juill.—[*Recd.* 12 *July*, 1463, *and Monicion sent on the same day.—Boothe*, 341.]

‡ Sir Thomas Neville, the testator's second son, took to wife Maud, the widow of Lord Willoughby. He fell on the field of Wakefield.

et Matildæ uxori suæ, et certis heredibus suis ex assensu predictæ uxoris meæ, per finem faciant eidem uxori meæ inde statum, et quod ipsa de aliis maneriis, castris, dominiis, terris et tenementis de hereditate mea habeat racionabilem dotem suam unde dotabilis existit. Item volo quod feoffati mei de omnibus aliis maneriis, dominiis, terris et tenementis cum suis pertinentiis michi talliatis in Comitatu Ebor., exceptis terris et tenementis in Richemundshire sic talliatis, permittant executores meos habere et percipere omnia exitus et proficua donec omnia debita mea plenarie persolvantur. Item volo et ordino quod in omnibus Comitatibus Angliæ omnia terræ et tenementa in feodo simplice in quibus diversi personæ per me sunt feoffati, necnon omnia terras et tenementa in Civitate Ebor., per executores meos ad solucionem debitorum meorum et voluntatis meæ perimplendum vendantur, omni festinacione possibili, si bona mea non sufficiant ad hujusmodi solucionem debitorum meorum, et voluntatis meæ perimplecionem; ac eciam omnia illa terræ, tenementa, messuagia et possessiones quæcunque in Civitate London per me posita in feoffamento, quæcunque ibidem, vendantur per executores meos ad hujusmodi solucionem debitorum meorum et voluntatis meæ perimplecionem. Item do et lego eidem Ricardo filio meo, comiti Warr'. ij. chargeours, xij. discos, vj. salsers argenti, ij. pottes quasi potellers deauratos chaced, ij. pottes albos, j. ciphum auri coopertum cum perles in le knop, et ij. pelves deauratas cum le fenix quas de me mutuatus est. Item volo et ordino quod quædam convencio de maritagio dicti Thomæ filii mei cum uxore sua domina de Willughby omnino fiat et perimpleatur secundum veram intencionem aggregacionis inde inter me et Radulphum dominum de Cromwell factæ; et eciam convencio de maritagio Katerinæ * filiæ meæ cum consanguineo et herede apparenti domini de Harington et Willelmi domini de Boneville fiat et perimpleatur secundum veram intencionem cujusdam scripti indentati inde confecti. Item do et lego eidem Thomæ filio meo unum ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum cum j. ewer deaurato, j. basyn cum j. ewer argenti albi, et unum lectum de blod baudekyn auri cum liez tapetis de herbis et herboribus quæ empta fuerunt de Roberto Crawford. Item do et lego Johanni † filio meo xij. discos argenti, j. ciphum argenti coopertum deauratum cum j. ewer, j. basyn, et j. ewer album et unum lectum de tapisterie sine auro vel serico emptum de dicto Crawforth, cum iiij. tapetis de viridi worsted. Item do et lego Georgio ‡ filio meo xij. discos argenti et j. ciphum

* Katharine, the fifth daughter of the testator, married William Lord Bonville.

† Sir John Neville, third son of the testator, successively Lord Montagu, Earl of Northumberland, and Marquess of Montagu. He fell with his brother at the battle of Barnet in 1471.

‡ George Neville, successively Bishop of Exeter, Archbishop of York, and Lord High Chancellor of England.

deauratum coopertum. Item lego Alesiæ* filiæ meæ unum ciphum deauratum cum j. ewer. Item do et lego Alianoræ † filiæ meæ unum ciphum argenti coopertum. Item do et lego Katerinæ filiæ meæ unum ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum. Item do et lego Margaretæ ‡ filiæ meæ ad maritagium suum per idem avisamentum fiendum, si non maritetur in vita mea, mille marcas et unum ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum. Item do et lego filiæ meæ comitissæ Arundell § unum ciphum auri minoris ponderis per discrecionem dictæ uxoris meæ. Item volo et ordino quod quilibet armigerorum et generosorum meorum mecum in hospicio meo die obitus mei commorans, per me vel per progenitores meos non promotus per feodum vel officium ad terminum vitæ, habeat de regardo v. marcas; et quilibet valectus taliter commorans, non promotus, xl s., et quilibet garcio taliter commorans, non promotus, xx s.—et quod alterius quilibet armigerorum, generosorum, valectorum et garcionum in hospicio meo die obitus mei predicti existens, habeat omnia feoda et vadia sibi debita et non soluta per executores meos plenarie persolvenda. Item do et lego Thomæ Wytham ‖ unum ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum et x li. Et Ricardo Roos ¶ x li. et invencionem suam ad terminum vitæ suæ honeste per dictam uxorem meam (*et*) executores meos gradui suo competentem. Et Christoforo Conyers** ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum. Et Jacobo Strangways †† militi

* Alesia, the testator's third daughter, married Henry Lord Fitzhugh of Ravenswath.

† Eleanor, fourth daughter, became the wife of Thomas Stanley, the first Earl of Derby.

‡ Margaret, the sixth and youngest daughter of the testator, married John Vere, Earl of Oxford.

§ Joan, Lord Salisbury's eldest daughter, the wife of William Fitzalan, Earl of Arundel.

‖ Thomas Wytham of Cornburgh, near Sheriffhutton, was a confidential agent and adviser of the testator. He looked after his stock, farms, and leases, and transacted most of his legal business. His connections appear to have been very extensive. He married the heiress of the Thwengs of Cornburgh, but he had no children. From his brother the Withams of Cliffe, and through them the present Mr. Witham of Lartington, are descended. Thomas Wytham founded a chauntry in Sheriff hutton Church, near the burial-place of his patron's family. He is interred in it himself, and a brass plate still commemorates him. Some notices of him have been already given.

¶ Richard Roos, a retainer of the testator, was a member of the family of Roos of Ingmanthorp.

** Sir Christopher Conyers of Hornby, the head of a powerful house, and the father, by two wives, of between *twenty-five* and *thirty* children. His eldest son, Sir John Conyers, K.G., married one of the co-heirs of Philip Lord Darcy. There was always an intimate connection between the families of Conyers and Neville. There were several intermarriages between them. Ralph, the third Earl of Westmerland, died at Hornby Castle, of grief for the loss of his eldest son, in 1523.

†† Sir James Strangeways of Harlesey Castle in Cleveland, a zealous partizan of the house of Neville. He married Elizabeth one of the co-heirs of Philip Lord Darcy, in right of whom among other large possessions he obtained the castle of Whorlton. He was made a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas 6th Feb. 1426, and Speaker of the House of Commons 1st Edward IV. He also held several patent offices under the

j. ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum. Et Roberto Danbi* Justiciario de Communi Banco unum ciphum argenti deauratum coopertum. Et Johanni Irland v marcas. Et Johanni Midelton v marcas. Et Johanni Wode c s. Et volo et ordino quod per unum annum post obitum meum capella mea cum presbiteris et clericis in eadem teneatur in presencia dictæ uxoris meæ, ad exorandum pro anima mea. Et quod hospicium meum teneatur per dimidium annum vel minus secundum discrecionem executorum meorum; ita quod interim servientes hospicii mei poterint pro ipsis disponere in aliis serviciis vel aliter. Item volo et ordino quod dicta uxor mea et Ricardus filius meus emant de bonis meis ante omnes alios, ita quod solvant pro eisdem precium verum eorumdem vel tantum quantum alii solvere volunt, in prompta pecunia vel sufficienti securitate ad exoneracionem tanti debitorum vel legatorum meorum ad quantum hujusmodi bona sic per eos emenda se extendent: et hoc ex assensu creditorum meorum vel eorum quibus, ut premittitur, legavi, absque cohercione aliquali eis inde fienda. Et volo et ordino quod predicta uxor mea et Ricardus filius meus prosequantur locis et temporibus oportunis pro dominio de Sutton in Galtres et aliis terris et tenementis, ut dicitur, alienatis per Willelmum dominum de Faucomberge† fratrem meum contra formam talliæ inde per feoffatos dicti domini mei et patris nuper comitis Westmerland factæ. Et volo quod omnia animalia mea et cetera bona mea, quantocicius potuerit, vendantur, et per executores meos pro celeri solucione debitorum meorum. Et prohibeo quod aliquis executorum meorum aliquid vendat de bonis meis ad vile precium propter aliquem favorem vel amorem alicujus personæ sed ad majus comodum. Et rogo quod veteres et pauperes servientes et laboratores mei admittantur in senectute, debilitate et paupertate suis, in hospitalitate de Well præ aliquibus aliis, per discrecionem dictæ uxoris meæ et executorum meorum. Item volo quod ista voluntas mea quod manerium predictum de Shenley cum pertinenciis non deroget alicui servientium meorum aut

Prince Palatines of Durham. His son, Sir Richard, married to his first wife one of the co-heirs of William Neville, Earl of Kent.

* Sir Robert Danby of Yafford, a distinguished lawyer, was made a Justice of the Court of Common Pleas June 28, 1452. On the 11th of May, 1462, he was appointed Lord Chief Justice of that court.

† William Lord Fauconberg, the youngest brother of the testator, espoused the heiress of the house of Fauconberg and assumed the title in right of his wife. He was a famous warrior and statesman. On the accession of Edward IV. whom he had constantly and zealously supported, as a reward for his services, he was made K.G. Earl of Kent and Lord Admiral of England. He did not enjoy his hardly won honours long, as he died in 1462, leaving three daughters and co-heirs—Joan, the wife of Sir Edward Bedhowing, Kt.; Elizabeth, who married Sir Richard Strangeways; and Alice, the wife of Sir John Conyers of Hornby.

aliorum, cui vel quibus feci aut fieri feci aliquam concessionem per cartas meas vel per cartas feoffatorum meorum. Item volo et ordino quod quoddam donum bonorum meorum predicto Roberto Danby et aliis factum non deroget huic testamento meo in aliquo in eodem contento. Item volo quod Monasterio de Bustelsham ubi corpus meum, ut supradictum est, sepeliri ordinavi, detur vestimentum meum integrum de albo et blodio baudekyn cum xij. capis de una secta eorundem colorum et de eodem baudekyn. Et volo quod omnia et singula in presenti testamento sive ultima voluntate mea contenta perimpleantur, intelligantur et construantur ad meliorem intencionem meam, difficultate, sive aliqua materia seu re in eodem testamento sive in eadem ultima voluntate specificata non obstante: et intime quo possum deprecor dictam uxorem meam, quod sicut in vita mea me dilexerat, et pro dulcissimo et continuo amore inter nos habito, sic diligat animam meam et liberos nostros et disponat pro salute animæ meæ et liberis nostris, ut vellem disponere pro anima sua et pro liberis illis si ipsam supervixerim. Item volo et ordino quod si aliquis filiorum vel filiarum meorum supradictorum moriatur non maritatus quod pecunia superius legata illi sic non maritato, defuncto, disponatur per executores meos, quantocicius fieri potuerit post hujusmodi mortem, ad solucionem debitorum meorum. Residuum autem omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego executoribus meis, ut ipsi inde disponant pro salute animæ meæ per avisamentum predictorum uxoris meæ et Ricardi filii mei, prout coram summo Judice voluerint respondere. Executores autem hujus testamenti mei sive hujus ultimæ meæ voluntatis facio et constituo, prefatam carissimam uxorem meam Alesiam comitissam Sarum, Jacobum Strangwais militem, Robertum Danby justiciarium de Communi Banco, Christoforum Conyers de Horneby armigerum, Thomam Witham, Johannem Irland et Johannem Midelton. In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento meo sive ultimæ voluntati meæ sigillum meum apposui et in illo seu illa manu mea propria subscripsi. Datum decimo die Maii anno Regni Regis Henrici sexti post conquestum tricesimo septimo, et anno graciæ Millesimo cccc^{mo} quinquagesimo nono. Item do et lego Collegio do Stayndrop illud integrum vestimentum meum de blodio velwet enbrauded cum iij. capis de eadem secta; ita quod annuatim imperpetuum in eodem Collegio solempniter cum nota die obitus mei dicatur Placebo et Dirige; et in die sequente Missa de Requiem, per sufficientem indenturam inde inter idem Collegium et executores meos conficiendam. [*Prob.* 23 *June*, 1461, *and adm. to his widow.*]

CXC. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI JOHANNIS HEDLAM MILITIS.

In the name of God, Amen. The xxvj. day of the moneth of Marce, the yere of oure Lord M.cccc.lxj. I John Hedlam* of Nunthorp, knight. In the first, I remitt my saule to the disposicion of God, his blissed moder Seynt Mary, and to all the Seyntis of Hevyn. Furthermore I putt the rewle and disposicion of all my gudis to the rewle of Sr William Bulmer knyght,† Richerd Clarvaux‡ of Croft, squyer, John Killinghall§ of Medilton George, Richard Lambton,‖ John Hewyk and Nycolas Morlay, and over this, my worshipfull maistre and trusty frend Sir Thomas Dernton Priour of Gisburn, to se that my will be fulfilled, beseeching you maisters and my most trusty frendis yat ye will att reverence of God, and for Goddes sake, do this for me, and for the welfare of my saule, and my childer, whiche is most in my mynde of any erthly thing, whiche I putt at my pouer unto the rewle of God and his disposicion and to your rewle; which childer I gife hertly Goddis blessing and myn as ferr as Gode will graunte me power. Item as for my lyvelode, I will my neldest son have it. And as for my nother guddes, I will be seke you, as my trust is in you, to se my dettis be paide, and I hertly beseke you to se my gudis that leves, aftir my dettis paid, to tender my childer ther with, and to helpe to holde tham to the scule with the said gudis, als ferr as thai will suffice, for thai have no nother gudes to keep tham with, bot if God will of his mercy prefer tham, in comyng to the which I beseke God incresse thame. And as for gounes and girdils that was my

* Sir John Headlam of Nunthorpe in Cleveland, the husband of Agnes, daughter of Sir John Clervaux of Croft. The Headlams possessed extensive estates in the Bishoprick of Durham, and their first seat was at Stainton in that county. All these estates passed away with the heiress of the Headlams into the family of Bowes in the reign of Elizabeth. This will is probably the composition of the testator himself. It is a very characteristic document, and will be read with much interest.

† Sir William Bulmer of Wilton in Cleveland, the head of the noble house of Bulmer, married Elizabeth Eure. He died in 1463, and his widow was allowed to administer to his effects on the 14th of November in that year.

‡ Richard Clervaux of Croft, Esq. brother-in-law to the testator, Escheator of Yorkshire in 1447. He was esquire of the body to Henry VI., and was knighted by Henry VII. He died in 1490 and was buried under a stately altar-tomb in Croft church, which is still remaining. He married a daughter of Sir Henry Vavasor of Haselwood. I must refer my readers to Mr. Longstaffe's excellent pedigree of the house of Clervaux in his History of Darlington.

§ John Killinghall, Esq. of Middleton George in the county of Durham, the testator's first cousin. His mother was Beatrix sister of Sir John Clervaux. Killinghall was 30 years of age at his father's death in 1442, and he died himself in 1488.

‖ One of the Lambtons of Nunthorpe. In 1435 Robert Lambton of Nunthorpe was in possession of the lands of the testator, who was then a minor. Hewyk and Morlay are the names of two good Cleveland families.

wifes, I will my doghter have. Item I will the iiij. ordoures of Freres have ichon of thame v s. Item to the kirke of Staynton vj s. viij d. To the kirke of Aton vj s. viij d.; of Wynston be side Standrop vj s. viij d. To the Prioresse of Basdale vj s. viij d. To Levynbrig vj s. viij d. To Stanebrig be yonde Stokeslay vj s. viij d. To the brig be twene Aton and Nunthorp vj s. viij d. To two prestes to be fundon to syng for my wife saule and myn, and oure auncestres and gude frendes saules, wher my said executours think most convenient. [*Prob.* 24 *Aug.* 1461.]

CXCI. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI YARWITH DE SEMER.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Be it knawen to all maner of men that the v. day of Jule, in the yere of Kyng Henry the sext xxxviij., I Robert Yarwith of Semer makes my testament in this maner. In the first, I bewitte my saull unto Allmyghty God; my body to be beryed in Crystyn mannes beryall, and my yong gray hors to be my corspresent, and to the kirkewarke of Saynt Martyn at Semer vj s. viij d., and to the crose iij s. iiij d.; and the remenent and residue of all my gudis, both whike and deed, I gyfe holy unto my wife Annas, to pay my dettis, and dispose for me as sho wold I did for her, be the syght of the vicare of Semer, as hym semes most necessary for the helle of my saule; and to giffe unto William my brodir my best gowne, the sylver horne, and ij. silver spones; my sustir Annas j. syd gowne and iij s. iiij d. in money; my suster Kateryn iij. yerdis of collerd cloyth to a gowne, ij. spones of hir awne, as my right especiall and intierly best belovyd wife knawes. And all the land and rent that I hafe I gife it frely unto my wife, as it is afore geven, and it were a c l. worth more, I am halden therto duryng hir liffe; and aftir hir discesse to torne to my next heyres, my brother William, and so furth to next of my kyn: and I witte unto my two emes William and Thomas vj s. viij d. [*Prob. ult. Aug.* 1461.]

CXCII. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI WETWANG RECTORIS DE STOKESLEY.

Oct. j. M.cccc.lxj. Ego Ricardus Wetwang rector eccles. par. de Stokesley in Clyveland—sep. in eccles. Cath. Ebor., juxta inferiorem partem sepulcri magistri mei magistri Willelmi Pelleson.—Lego summo altari j. ymaginem Sanctæ Trinitatis ex auro et argento fabricatam, quam de domino Thoma Laverok comparavi. Et volo quod super locum sepulturæ meæ ponatur j. petra marmoria quæ stat juxta latus ecclesiæ Cath. predictæ

Et volo quod liber Clementis quem habui et habeo ex mutuo de domo Sancti Johannis Colcestre, mittatur London' ad Hospicium Abbatis dicti Monasterii in London' meis expensis.

CXCIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI THOMÆ BOYNTON MIL.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xxv. Jan. A.D. M.cccc.lx. Ego Thomas Boynton* de Aclom in Archid. Clyveland. Lego Elizabethæ et Aliciæ sororibus meis c s. annuatim de terris meis in Boynton super le Wold, post decessum matris meæ, donec Henricus filius meus vel heredes mei reddant utrique earum xxl. ad maritagia sua. Lego Isabellæ uxori meæ et Henrico filio meo omnia bona mea—et constituo ipsos executores meos. [*Prob.* 15 *Oct.* 1461.]

CXCIV. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI DE LEY HUSBANDMAN.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xxvj. Mar. A.D. M.cccc.lxi. Ego Ricardus de Ley, husbandman, de Hugate—sepeliendum ubi Deus deposuerit. Lego optimum equum meum nomine mortuarii. Lego ad fabricam Cath. Eccles. Ebor. xij d. Ecclesiæ de Hugate duos arietes. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Wettewange tres arietes. Ad fabricam ecclesiæ de Frydaythorp xij d. Item lego Margaretæ sorori meæ iij. petras lanæ et j. quarterium ordei. Thomæ Bigcroft j. qu. ordei. Johannæ sorori meæ iij. petras lanæ et ij. qu. ordei. Lego Johanni Preston avunculo meo j. qu. et tres arietes. Lego Ricardo Bigcroft compatri meo j. qu. ordei. Johanni Gage dim. qu. ordei et j. togam de murray. Lego domino Johanni Bigcroft capellano de Hugate j. equum vocatum Bosse et j. buculum. Lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ unam domum in Wettewange. Lego Ricardo servienti meo ij. modios ordei. Thomæ servienti meo j. tunicam de corio omnino. [*Prob.* 12 *Nov.* 1461.]

CXCV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ HARYNGTON MILITIS.

Sep. 14, 1459. Ego Thomas Haryngton,† miles, compos mentis et corporis, timens tamen fragilitatem humanæ naturæ,

* I presume that this is the Sir Thomas Boynton who married a daughter of Sir William Normanville of Kilnwick. Hardly one of the Yorkshire pedigrees is more confused and more inaccurate in its earlier descents than that of Boynton.

† Sir Thomas Harrington of Hornby Castle, in Lancashire, the head of a gallant,

condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Fratrum Predicatorum Lancastriæ, si contingat me in Comitatu Lancastriæ diem meum claudere extremum; et si contingat me diem meum claudere extremum in aliis partibus Angliæ, tunc lego corpus meum ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ de Monkeburton, si servientes mei possint comode corpus meum illuc portare. Et si comode non poterint, tunc ubi me contingat ex disposicione Divina mori. Item lego viginti marcas ad distribuendum inter pauperes die sepulturæ meæ si opus fuerit. Item lego Abbati de Crokeston optimum animal meum, nomine mortuarii mei. Item lego Abbati et ejusdem loci Conventui xl s. pro decimis et oblacionibus oblitis. Item lego vicario de Mellyng xx s. pro decimis et oblacionibus oblitis. Item lego rectori de Thatham eadem forma xl s. Item lego vicario ecclesiæ de Felkirke similiter pro decimis et oblacionibus oblitis xl s. Item lego tricentas marcas per executores meos subscriptos cuidam Abbati vel Priori infra Comitatum Lancastriæ solvendas, et ponendas sub sufficiente securitate inde habenda, ad solvendum annuatim cuidam capellano ydoneo vij. marcas ad celebrandum missas et alia divina officia pro anima mea, et animabus patris mei, matris meæ, et animabus ante-

though unhappy, family. His father Sir William Harrington, a famous warrior, bore the royal standard at the field of Agincourt. His mother was Margaret, daughter of Sir Robert Neville of Hornby, and co-heir of her niece Margaret Duchess of Exeter. Sir Thomas was 40 years of age in the 19th of Henry VI. when we may presume his father died. He was high sheriff of Yorkshire in the 26th of Henry VI. As he held so prominent a position in the North, Sir Thomas could not hope to be allowed to remain neutral in the civil wars of the time. He seems to have been closely connected with the great Earl of Salisbury, and it was his powerful influence that induced Sir Thomas to draw his sword for the house of York. Soon after All Saints' Day, 1458, the Earl of Salisbury sent for him to his castle at Middleham; there he met a large number of influential men, who resolved to take the side of the Yorkists. Sir Thomas Harrington, on his return from Middleham to Hornby, adroitly conveyed his estates to the Archbishop of York, the Earl of Shrewsbury, John Lord Clifford, and others, all of whom were stout partizans of the house of Lancaster. His will is dated in the autumn of 1459. At the end of the following year the sanguinary conflict at Wakefield took place, which was indeed a disastrous day for the house of Harrington. Sir John Harrington, the testator's eldest son, was slain upon the field, and his father, the testator, was so severely wounded that he died on the following day. By Elizabeth, daughter of . . . . Dacre, Sir Thomas Harrington left several children, but none of them retrieved the fortunes of the falling house. Sir James Harrington, his second son, was attainted for his adherence to the house of York, upon the accession of Henry VII. and his only son John Harrington died by poison. Sir Robert, the third son of Sir Thomas Harrington, was attainted with his brother after the battle of Bosworth. So much misery did the civil wars entail upon one family within a very short space of time. The cloud which had settled over the house never deserted it, and the very name of Harrington became soon extinct. The immense possessions of the family, most of which were derived from the Duchess of Exeter, passed away to the noble house of Stanley. Dr. Whitaker gives a most interesting account of this illustrious family, which he compiled from their records at Hornby Castle, and to this account Mr. Hunter has made some valuable additions in his History of South Yorkshire, ii. 402.

cessorum et benefactorum meorum, et pro animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, in ecclesia ubi corpus meum contingit sepeliri; quousque tricentæ marcæ, ut prefertur, plenarie persolvantur. Item volo quod executores mei solvant seu solvi faciant annuatim et septimanatim, per tres annos proximos post mortem meam, sex solidos et octo denarios in patria ubi habeo terras et tenementa, pauperibus et indigentibus, ad exorandum pro anima mea et animabus omnium pro quibus orare teneor, quousque lij. libræ plenarie solvantur. Item lego quod executores mei solvant seu solvi faciant l. libras infra tres annos ad distribuendum inter triginta puellas vel plures secundum disposicionem executorum meorum. Item lego Fratribus de Lancastria xl s. et cuilibet Conventui Fratrum infra Comitatum Lancastriæ et Westmorlandiæ vj s. viij d. Item lego ponti Lancastriæ xx li. pro anima Nicholay Croft * et Elenæ uxoris suæ. Item lego cuilibet generoso existenti tempore mortis meæ vel in familia mea (*vel*) in servicio meo xl s. Et cuilibet valecto xx s. Et cuilibet garcioni x s. ultra stipendias suas, et ut habitent et maneant in domo mea per dimidium unius anni, si voluerint, post mortem meam. Item volo ut si bona mea mobilia extendant se ad omnia supradicta, tunc volo quod Elizabetha uxor mea habeat omnia vasa mea de auro et deaurata et de argento et deargentata ad terminum vitæ suæ; et post mortem predictæ Elizabethæ, volo quod omnia vasa predicta filio meo Johanni † integre remaneant; ita quod predictus Johannes inveniet sufficientem securitatem Johanni Hodilston et Alexandro Radcliff, si vixerint; si non vixerint, aliis duobus executorum meorum, perimplere voluntatem meam. Item lego Johanni Hodilston ‡ debita quæ Henricus Fenewike, nuper defunctus, michi debet. Item lego Isabellæ filiæ Alexandri Radcliff et Agnetis § sororis meæ xl. marcas ultra xl. libras quas Alexander Radcliff michi debet, ad maritagium predictæ Isabellæ,

* Probably one of the Crofts of Claughton in Lancashire.

† Sir John Harrington, the eldest son of the testator, fell with his father at Wakefield. He married Maud, daughter of Thomas Lord Clifford, by whom he had two daughters and co-heirs. These two children, who were very young when their father and grandfather fell, were put under the guardianship of Lord Stanley. He soon found husbands for the wealthy heiresses in one of his own younger children Edward Stanley, Lord Monteagle, and in his nephew John Stanley of Honford. Lord Monteagle has been charged with poisoning his cousin John, son of Sir James Harrington, but there appears to be no ground whatever for this suspicion. It was a deed contrary both to his honour and interest.

‡ Sir John Huddlestone, together with Sir James Harrington assumed to themselves the guardianship of the two heiresses of Sir John Harrington. This act seems to have been an encroachment upon the rights and privileges of the crown, and we find that in the 8th of Edward IV. the two self-constituted guardians were committed to the Fleet. Lord Stanley immediately succeeded them in their office.

§ Agnes, daughter of Sir William Harrington, and sister to the testator, married Alexander Radcliffe of Ordesall.

si ad voluntatem matris suæ fuerit maritata. Item volo et precipio super benedicione mea filio meo Johanni quod sit bonus filius matri suæ, ut de precepto Divino et de jure tenetur, ac eciam ut sit bonus frater et gratus fratribus suis ad maritagia illorum. Item volo ut voluntas Petri Talbot perimpleatur, secundum quod bona sua in mea custodia existencia se extendant. Item volo ut si Conventus de Ergham et Cawode inveniant presbiterum celebraturum in capella de Ergham, videlicet Johannem Girsyngham capellanum, tunc volo quod executores mei solvant vel solvi faciant predicto Johanni quinque nobilia quolibet anno pro sex annis proxime futuris, si vixerit. Item volo quod presbiteri mei jam existentes in domo mea non promoti maneant et celebrent cum Elizabetha uxore mea et Johanne filio meo quousque promoti fuerint ut melius pro me orare poterint. Residuum prefatæ Elizabethæ, Thomæ Nevile * militi, Johanni Hodilston, Johanni Haryngton filio meo, Alexandro Raddcliff armigero, Edmundo Sothworth,† Olivero Bland clericis, quos facio executores meos; et Dominam Aliciam comitissam Sarum et Johannem Nevile militem filium ejus supervisores. Et volo quod si predicta comitissa, Thomas Nevile miles, Johannes Nevile miles, Edmundus Sothworth, Oliverus Bland subiant aliquos labores in premissis, ut bene et honorifice remunerentur. Et quod executores mei memorentur de domina Margareta Haryngton moniali de Hampull, et de Isabella Curson, secundum discrecionem executorum predictorum. [*Pr.* 21 *Nov.* 1461.]

CXCVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS TALBOT COMITIS SALOP.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Octavo die mensis Septembris, anno domini Millesimo quadringentesimo quadragesimo sexto. Ego Johannes Talbot, miles,‡ filius et heres Johannis Comitis Salopiæ,

* Sir Thomas Neville did not live to execute this trust. He fell with his friend at Wakefield, a field which was so disastrous to the house of York.

† Edmund Southworth was rector of Halton, in Lancashire, and Oliver Bland was rector of Claughton in the same county. They were two of the feoffees of Sir Thomas Harrington.

‡ One of the noblest among the chivalry of England. He was the eldest surviving son and heir of the famous warrior John Talbot, the great Earl of Shrewsbury, and he proved himself to be by no means unworthy of his illustrious sire. He was born about the year 1413, and on Whit-Sunday, 1426, he was knighted at Leicester, on which day the king himself received that honour at the hands of his uncle, John Duke of Bedford. In 1444 he was in the wars in France, and in 1446 his father made him Lord Chancellor of Ireland. In 1457 he was made Knight of the Garter and Lord Treasurer of England. In 1460 he received a grant of an annual pension of 100 marks as a reward for his loyalty to his unfortunate master. This pension, however, he did not long enjoy, for on the 10th of July in the same year he, with his brother Sir Christopher, was killed at the battle of Northampton, "ante signa strenuè pugnans,"

proponens iter facere versus partes Hiberniæ, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis comendo animam meam Deo, Beatæ Mariæ et Omnibus Sanctis, corpusque meum sepeliendum in capella Beatæ Mariæ Monasterii Sancti Cudberti de Wirkesop, inter altare et tumbam Matildæ * matris meæ; et quod executores mei faciant ibidem unam tumbam secundum status mei exigenciam. Item lego Monasterio Sancti Cudberti predicti post decessum meum omnia terras et tenementa mea quæ quondam fuerunt Johannis de Whiston in Comitatu Ebor. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Sheffeld quadraginta solidos. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum superius non legatorum do et lego Elizabethæ uxori meæ, ipsamque Elizabetham,† Thomam dominum de Clifford,‡ Thomam Harington § militem, Johannem Preston vicarium ecclesiæ de Wakefeld, Johannem Barnby et Johannem Kersford ordino, facio et constituo meos executores; et Radulphum dominum de Cromwell ‖ istius testamenti supervisorem. In cujus rei testimonium huic testamento meo sigillum meum apposui. Hiis testibus, Thoma Everyngham,¶ Willelmo Oxspring, Willelmo

as his epitaph proudly tells us, but even his strong arm could not save the fair white rose from the spoiler's hand. His remains were brought, as he desired, to Worksop Abbey, and were interred there amongst his maternal ancestors. His epitaph will be found in Thoroton's Nottinghamshire. His will was evidently made when he was setting out for Ireland to take possession of his chancellorship It is dated at Sheffield, which, amongst other vast possessions, he inherited through his mother from the Furnivals, the ancient Lords of Hallamshire. When the will was made, in 1443, he was heir apparent to his father; at the date however of the probate he had succeeded to the earldom, his father having fallen at Chatillon, in 1453.

* Maud, the first wife of the great Earl of Shrewsbury, was the only child and heir of Sir Thomas Neville, by Joan his first wife, only daughter and heir of William Lord Furnival. By this match the rich lordship of Hallamshire and the castle of Sheffield came into the family of the Talbots. When the editor of the present volume was at Worksop some time ago he regretted much to see that the marble effigies of the ancient lords and ladies of Hallamshire were lying exposed in the churchyard in a most neglected condition. The church was then being restored, and they have not been replaced.

† A daughter of James Earl of Ormonde. The testator left by her a large family. After the death of her husband she took the veil, and on the 19th of July, 1460, nine days only after the death of her lord, Archbishop Boothe issues his commission to his suffragan, John Bishop of the Isles, to receive her. She died on Sept. 11th, 1473.

‡ Thomas Lord Clifford of Skipton, the friend and executor of the testator, died also in battle. He took up the cause of the house of Lancaster, and was killed with his uncle, the Earl of Northumberland, at the battle of St. Alban's, in 1455. The testator therefore could not avail himself of his services, as he survived him five years.

§ Sir Thomas Harrington of Hornby, the head of an ill-fated house, was another victim to the violence of the times. He fought for the Duke of York, although his interests and connections ought to have inclined him to the other side. He was at the battle of Wakefield in 1460, and was so severely wounded that he died on the following day. His son and heir Sir John Harrington was left dead upon the field. Truly these were troublous times for our Northern chivalry. The will of Sir Thomas has just occurred.

‖ Lord Cromwell did not live to fulfil the trust imposed upon him. He died in 1455-6, and his will has been already printed in No. CLIV.

¶ The families of Everingham and Swift were closely connected with the history of Sheffield.

Barkar, Roberto Reysyn capellano, Willelmo de Barley, Willelmo Swyft et multis aliis. Datum apud Sheffeld die et anno supradictis.

To all that this writing cummes to, I John Talbot, knyght, sonne and heire of th'erl of Shrowsbery, gretes wele in God. Knowes ye me uppon my passage in to the parties of Irlond for to have ordined and made my will in the forme undrewritten: that is to say, that my feoffes in fee and in the reversione of all the londis and tenementis in the which thai ar enfeoffed to myn use and [God] visite me, that thenne after my decees the saide feoffes make astate unto Elizabeth my wyf to have, terme of hir lif; the remayner to the right heires of me, except lands and tenements late Johnes of Whistan, with in the Counte of York, the which I will, after my deces, my feoffes yive to the Prior and Covent of the howse of Saint Cudberds of Wirkesop and to thair successours there, thei for to do devyne service for me, my brothir * and myn auncestours. Also I will that the said Elizabeth my wif have all my godes after my decees, wheresoevir thei may be found, paing my detts. In witnesse wherof I have set my seal. These witnesse: Sir John Preston vicar of Wakeffeld, John Barnby, John Kersford, William Swyft and many othir. Made at Sheffeld the viij. day of Septembre, the xxv. yere of the regne of Kyng Henry the Sixt. [*Prob.* 24 *Nov.* 1461, *and adm. given to Eliz. Countess of Salop, his executor.*]

CXCVII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ STANHOP DEFUNCTI.

Die Veneris proxime post festum Philippi et Jacobi Apostoli 1462. Ego Thomas Stanhop † de Hoghton, armiger—sep. in ecclesia parochiali Omnium Sanctorum de Rampton coram cruce. Et nomine principalis lego vicario de Walesby optimum equum meum et omnia averia eidem pertinencia, prout equitare solebam. Willelmo Wilbram unam togam penulatam. Johanni Tunstall unum equum coloris le blak gray. Katerinæ sorori meæ unam equam cum pullo. Elizabethæ sorori meæ unum equum vocatum gray geldyng. Johanni filio meo unum yrne bonden wayn, et xxx. bull stirkus. Johanni Stanhop armigero unum cornu garnest. Executores meos facio Elizabetham et Katerinam sorores meas, Johannem Tunstall armigerum et Johannem filium meum, Johannemque Stanhop de Rampton armigerum super-

* John Talbot Viscount Lisle, and half-brother to the testator, was killed with his father at Chatillon in 1453. He refused to desert his wounded sire, and lost his life in consequence.

† An unrecorded scion of the house of Stanhope of Rampton in Nottinghamshire, who seems to have settled in Lancashire.

visorem. Johanni filio meo sex cocliaria argenti. Johannæ Stanhop filiæ Johannis Stanhop armigeri duas togas penulatas cum martis et menyver. [*Pr.* 10 *May*, 1462.]

CXCVIII. JOHANNES WYLSON DE HORNSE.

Dec. xvj. M.cccc.lxj. Ego Johannes Wylson de Hornse.—sep. in parte australi eccles. par. de Hornse ante ostium clausuræ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis. Lego ad fabricam partis australis ecclesiæ antedictæ juxta campanile ibidem confirmandam parti boriali ex opposito, totalem mercedem latami et xx s. pro lapidibus ad prefatum opus ordinandis —Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Nunkilling unum chalder carbonum.—Jacobo filio meo meam dimidietatem unius navis.—Lego ad sustentacionem unius lampadis in eccles. de Hornse unam domum in qua inhabitat Willelmus filius meus—volo quod predicta lampas accendatur in diebus feriatis in tempore altæ missæ et in diebus festivis pro toto tempore celebracionis Divinorum.

CXCIX. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI WILLELMI LASSELS NUPER DE BOLTON PERCY CAPELLANI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. viij. die mensis Januarii, A.D. M.cccc.lxi. Ego Willelmus Lassels, capellanus de Bolton Percy—sep. in choro eccles. par. de Bolton Percy ante stallum rectoris. Et lego iiij. libras ceræ comburendas circa corpus meum. Et lego octo presbiteris interessentibus exequiis meis et Missæ de Requiem in die sepulturæ meæ, cuilibet iiij d. Rectori ecclesiæ de Rither unum librum, Speculum Ecclesiæ vulgariter nuncupatum: Ricardo Asper duos pannos pictos. Thomæ Wynslaw j. cistam cum j. pari linthiaminum. Gildæ Corporis Christi x d. Willelmo Holyngworth j. spruce coffer. Fabricæ eccles. Coll. S. Joh. Beverlaci xij d. Fabricæ capellæ S. Thom. Cantuar. in villa Beverlaci xij d. Priorissæ de Appleton meam meliorem zonam harnesiatam. Dominæ Margaretæ Drax j. hyngyng de j. panno lineo albo cum curtinis et j. zonam albam argento ornatam, cum j. pari linthiaminum et iij s. iiij d. Ricardo Hemet j. togam viridem et melius meum matresse et ij s. in pecunia. Johannæ Fewesdale meam optimam togam cum capucio.—Ricardo Tone filio magistri Thomæ Tone de Beverlaco unum librum continentem Dubia Sacræ Scripturæ et alios tractatus. Lego ad ornandum summi altaris (*sic*) eccles. par. de Bolton Percy duos pannos depictos et ij s. in pecunia. Lego omnes libros meos Grammaticales Michaeli

Asper filio Ricardi Asper de Eboraco. Lego uxori Ricardi Asper j. gown clothe. Executores Mag. Ricardum Tone* decretorum doctorem Rectorem eccles. de Bolton Percy, magistrum Thomam Tone, etc.

CC. TESTAMENTUM OLIVERI MYRFELD ARMIGERI.

In the name of God, Amen. I Oliver Mirfeld,† squier, hole of mynde, in the vij. day of Januar, makis my wille in this fourme folowing. First I be wite my saule unto God Almighty, to our Lady, and to all the Santes in heven &c. Also I wille as touching al the lordeshippes, landes and tenenementis, rentis and service—which I have within the Counte of Yorke, or in thos that any men be enfeffed unto my use by me or any other persone or persones to performe my will. First I wille that my feffis that air enfeffed in al my lordschippes—in the townes of Mirfeld, Dighton, Egerton, Gleydholte, Heyton, Hopton, Batley, Holey, Morley, Gildosome, Bolton, Chekynlay, Leede, Newstede, Halyfax, Wakefelde, Westerton, with al theire appurtenaunces, make a state of theim—to William Mirfeld my son and to his eyeres of his body—accordinge unto the dede of feffement afore made. Also I will that haly kirk have all his diutes that hym ought for to have. Also I wille that I be brought forthe at the day of beriall as my degre askis withouten any seventday, and my dettis to be payed of my goodes. Also I wille that William my sone have the peces with covertour that my fader gave me, also the chymneth, a hangyng laver with the halling, a cesterne, the ledes with other brewing vessell. Also I wille that my wife have all the array of my chapell til my sone come to ful age, and to be delivered to William Mirfeld my sone. And also I wille that my wife have ij. of the best beddes and al hir arayment hole withouten interrupcion of any man. Also I wille that my wife have xl. mares in the name of hir dower for to be takin in the formes aforesaide, excepte the maner of Holay, whiche I wille my sone have whan he comes to full age. Also I will that my doughters have eider c mares unto their mariage of the dettis and goodes and catell also, ferre as thei wille stiriche, and ther as thei wilnot I wille that myn executours have xxl. of the revenous of

* Richard Tone, rector of Bolton Percy, under whom the testator was a curate, held many ecclesiastical benefices within the diocese of York. He became archdeacon of the East Riding, and died in 1463.

† Of the family of Mirfield, one of considerable rank and consequence in its day, there is but little known. One or two notices of the family have already occurred. The Mirfields were connected with the Wombwells. Whitaker gives a very meagre account of them under the parish of Mirfield.

the livelode, unto the tyme that the som of cc marcs be ronne. Also I wille that myn executours have the reule of my sone and surplus of my livelode during the nonage of my said sone, and also the surplus of the saide xx l. whan the yeres of cc marc are ronne. Also I wille that my wife, my cosyn Robert Nevell, my brother John Sothell the elder, be myn executours—either of them to have xx s. for theire labour and their costage of the revenous of the landes. Also I wille that the residu of my goodes be demened aftir the discrecion of myn executours for hele of my saule. Also I wille that myn exeoutours finde a prest vj. yere at my parishe kirke to sing for my saule, myne elder, for al Cristen saules. [*Prob. s. d.* 1462.]

CCI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI THOMÆ HORNEBY RECTORIS ECCLESIÆ DE STOKESLEY.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xx. Oct. A.D. M.cccc.lxiij. Ego Thomas Horneby rector ecclesiæ Beatorum Petri et Pauli de Stokesley in Clyveland—corpus sepeliendum infra Monasterium B. Mariæ juxta muros Civitatis Ebor., coram ymagine Beatissimæ Mariæ Virginis cum alto tabernaculo cum radice Jesse juxta altare B. Annæ ibidem. Lego optimam meam togam cum capicio pro corpore meo talliatam, nomine mortuarii mei.—Lego summo altari dicti Monasterii unum pannum continentem in longitudine v. ulnas cum uno tuello operis Vienn'. Lego domino Abbati ejusdem Monasterii exequiis meis et missa interessenti, si potens fuerit, vj s. viij d. Priori iij s. iiij d. Cuilibet monacho xx d. Lego Abbati et Conventui Monasterii predicti murram meam argenteam stantem et coopertam, et j. ewer argenti in parte deauratam cum sex gobettis argenti in dicto ewer existentibus. Lego sacristæ ejusdem Mon. pro pulsacione campanarum iij s. iiij d. Lego Priori et Conventui Prioratus de Helay prope Tadcaster xij. cocliaria argenti operis Paris' de una secta cum ℌ litera signata, iij. pelves cum pryntis et boses argenti et enameld in medio earundem, et iij. lavacra dictis pelvibus pertinencia.—Lego cuidam honesto presbitero divina celebraturo in ecclesia S. Olavi prope portas Monasterii B. Mariæ predicti pro anima mea et animabus Johannis et Margaretæ parentum meorum, ac pro animabus recolendæ memoriæ dominorum Ducum de Bedforde et Glocestre, necnon—specialiter pro hiis quibus in vita mea maxime obligatus eram, capiendo singulis annis durante termino x. annorum vij. marcas, nomine salarii sui, lxx. marcas, quam cito ab hac luce subtractus fuero. Lego fabricæ navis dictæ eccles. S. Olavi v. marcas argenti, si parochiani ejusdem ecclesiæ illam navem

velint de novo edificare et incipere infra duos annos—aliter non. Lego ad usum summi altaris ejusdem ecclesiæ S. Olavi j. alterclath de opere Vienn'.—Lego ad usum altaris in capella B. Mariæ scituata juxta predictam ecclesiam S. Olavi j. altercloth de opere Vienn'. Lego usui Fratrum in eccles. Hosp. S. Leonardi Ebor. j. altarcloth cum j. tuello ejusdem operis. Ad usum summi altaris eccles. meæ de Stokeslay j. altercloth ejusdem operis. Cuilibet ordini—Lego ad distribuendum inter pauperes homines et mulieres indigentes in die sepulturæ meæ pro anima mea in Civ. Ebor. iiij. marcas. Domino Thomæ Dobson capellano togam meam talarem de blodio tonsi coloris penulatam cum bever et j. capucium de eodem.

CCII. TESTAMENTUM EUFEMIÆ LANGTON.

In Die nomine, Amen. Ego Eufemia * relicta Johannis Langton militis. xxvj. die mensis Augusti A.D. M.cccc.lxiij.—corpus sepeliendum in eccles. par. de Ledes juxta sepulcrum mariti mei, cujus animæ propicietur Deus, Amen. Et lego fabricæ ejusdem ecclesiæ pro sepultura mea xx s. Item lego meum chaplett de perle ad le canape supra corpus Christi in summo altare ejusdem ecclesiæ ibidem deserviturum ad honorem Domini nostri Jhesu Christi imperpetuum. Item lego ymagini Beatæ Mariæ Virginis in capella sua juxta Monasterium B. Mariæ Ebor. unum monile de perle cum unum balas in eodem fixo. Item lego altari B. Mariæ Virginis infra cimiterium ecclesiæ parochialis de Schirburn in Elmett unam ymaginem B. Mariæ Virginis de alablastro, cum unum coler de S deauratis in parte argenti et in parte auri, ac unum monile auri cum tribus peerles et unum rube in eodem monile dicto colori annexum cum duobus filettis de peerle, et quod nunquam a prefata ymagine capiatur set cum eadem ymagine ibidem remaneat imperpetuum. Item lego cuilibet ordini Fratrum Mendicancium Civitatis Ebor. vj s. viij d. Item lego Eufemiæ Darcy † j. peciam argenti deauratam cum coopertorio. Item lego dominæ Nevile j. mantellum linatam cum sercenet. Margaretæ Mering ‡ filiæ meæ unum quartelett argenti, unam cincturam argenti harnesiatam et deauratam super unum rubio tisshew et j.

* Euphemia, widow of Sir John Langton of Farneley, near Leeds, by whom she had a large family. Her maiden name has not been ascertained. Her husband died on the 25th of February, 1459, and was buried at Leeds.

† Euphemia Langton, daughter of the testatrix, was married to William, afterwards Sir William Darcy, the grandson and heir of Sir John Darcy, Kt. The Archbishop of York granted his licence for their marriage, which was to be celebrated in the chapel of Farneley, on the 23rd of January, 1460-1.

‡ She was probably the wife of a member of the family of Mering, co. Notts. The match is new to the pedigree.

annulum auri cum j. saphiro in eadem fixo. Item lego Johanni Langton * filio meo unam peciam stantem cum coopertorio cum le Moreslettris deauratis. Lego Agneti Langton filiæ Johannis Langton filii mei j. blod tisshew argento paratam et deauratam. Henrico Langton † filio meo sex cocliaria argenti, j. peciam argenti cum coopertorio le boced cum rosis, unam murram cum uno fronte de nomine Jhesu, j. aliam murram coopertam habentem in summitate castellum deauratum, j. pixidem argenti cum ymagine Beatæ Mariæ in summitate, j. aliam murram stantem super tribus leonibus cum pede argenti et coopertorio argenteo deaurato, j. aliam peciam cum coopertorio argenteam deauratam sculptam cum floribus et foliis, j. ciphum vocatum j. nott argenteum ligatum cum coopertorio deaurato, j. quylt de serico, et unum Missale vocatum Bisshop [S]crope boke.‡ Item lego Willelmo Langton filio meo unam bassam peciam argenti cum coopertorio stantem super tribus leonibus deauratis et unum dolium argenti cum coopertorio deauratum. Item lego Thomæ Langton filio meo unum punced pece cum coopertorio argenteo. Thomæ Langton filio Johannis Langton filii mei unum salt argenti cum coopertorio in parte deaurato. Nicholao Langton filio ejusdem Johannis Langton unam cincturam argenti super unum tisshew de nigro vellvett. Lego Ricardo Langton et Henrico Langton filiis prefati Johannis Langton j. rope de corall inter eos dividendum. Willelmo Vavasour j. parvum Psalterium. Johanni Hemeslay unum emeraudston auro infixum. Eufemiæ Flemmyng sex cocliaria argenti cum knoppes, j. peciam argenti pounced cum le splentis, j. chaufyng pece argenti cum coopertorio, j. creche (? *broche or ouche*) auri cum tribus trewloves de pearl in eodem broch, j. parvam cistam vocatam le wartrecofyr cum omnibus rebus in codem contentis, j. togam penulatam cum menevere, j. zonam nigram argento paratam et deauratam, j. par de wafryiryns, j. stellatory et j. ollam eneam. Item lego Eufemiæ Watirton j. parvam peciam argenti pounced cum le werthes. Isabellæ Vavasour uxori Johannis Vavasour j. zonam argenti paratam cum octo barres. Fratri Johanni Multon doctori sacræ scienciæ j. parvam peciam argenti pounced. Thomæ Clarell § vicario de Ledes j. par precularum de aumbyr. Roberto Calbeck capellano j. peciam argenti cum

* John Langton, Esq. the eldest son and heir of the testatrix, did not long survive his mother. His will is dated in 1466, the 6th of Edward IV. and will occur shortly.

† On the 4th of August, 1476, William Hasard of Sherburne, received permission to administer to the effects of Henry Langton of Sherburne, Esq. The testatrix, it will be observed, leaves a legacy to the church of Sherburne in Elmet.

‡ Here is another book which from its name had belonged to the beheaded Archbishop Scrope, bequeathed with a careful mention of his name.

§ Thomas Clarell was vicar of Leeds for many years, and was a great benefactor to his church and parish. He is mentioned in the will of Thomas Clarell, senior, of Aldwarke, Esq. who died in 1442.

coopertorio cum suprascripcione **Benedictus** etc., j. zonam argento hernesiatam et deauratam cum nigro corse. Eidem j. Portiforium habendum sibi ad term. vitæ suæ—post mortem—vendatur pro salute animarum dictæ Eufemiæ et Roberti. Roberto Ledes in pecunia xx s. Margaretæ Bolton j. togam penulatam et perfuratam cum bever, j. coverlett et j. par linthiaminum. Thomæ Fell j. peciam argenti deauratam, j. murram stantem deauratam infra et extra, et j. togam nigram pennulatam cum buggishauke. Henrico Langton alias dicto Henrico Shottesbroke filio Henrici Langton j. aliud Psalterium. Residuum—do et lego Henrico Langton filio meo ad disponendum pro salute animæ meæ—Testibus Johanne Langton armigero, Johanne Hemesley gentilman. Item lego Margaretæ Meyryng filiæ meæ unam togam pennulatam cum meniver, j. crucem argenteam et deauratam, unum Agnum Dei, unum per de Egyll et zonam Beatæ Mariæ Virginis. Willelmo Langton filio meo j. lectum. Eufemiæ Waterton, filiæ Ricardi Waterton, j. ollam argenteam. [*Prob.* 24 *Nov.* 1463.]

CCIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS TEMPEST MILITIS.

November 29, 1463. Ego Johannes Tempest * miles, languens in extremis, composque mentis licet eger corpore, previdens michi mortis periculum imminere, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum—sep. in ecclesia Sancti Michaelis de Bracewell, optimumque averium meum vicario ejusdem ecclesiæ precedere corpus meum ad sepulturam meam. Item lego idoneo capellano celebraturo divina pro anima mea et animabus omnium fidelium defunctorum, per unum annum integrum post diem obitus mei, sex marcas argenti. Preterea volo, do et lego, Thomæ, Nicholao, Roberto et Willelmo Tempest filiis meis quadraginta marcas argenti annuatim recipiendas de terris et tenementis meis, durante termino vitæ cujuslibet eorum; ita quod quilibet eorum habeat per se annuatim decem marcas argenti secundum veram et debitam deliberacionem Ricardi Tempest militis filii et heredis mei. Et insuper lego Johanni Tempest dilecto filio meo sex marcas argenti de terris et tenementis meis in Lynecolnshyre.—Item si Deus disposuerit Aliciam Tempest uxorem meam obire, filiabus Gracia, Johanna, Alicia et Johanna non maritatis, dictus Ricardus Tempest miles filius et heres meus vult et concedit quod habeant

* Sir John Tempest of Bracewell, in Craven, was high sheriff of the county of York in the 18th and 37th of Henry VI. He was a zealous supporter of the house of Lancaster, and Henry VI. was entertained by him at Bracewell during his sojourn in Craven. This will make several alterations in the pedigree of the family. Whitaker in his History of Craven gives an engraving of the remains of the mansion of the Tempests at Bracewell.

ultra bona sua propria certa terras et tenementa eis competenter provisa maritagiis suis.—Residuum Aliciæ* uxori meæ, quam cum Thoma Tempest filio meo constituo executricem; Richardus Bank † armiger et Willelmus Wadyngton rector de Thorneton supervisores. Hiis testibus, Ricardo Hamerton milite, Johanne Pudesay milite, Johanne Tonelay armigero, Ricardo Shyreburn juniore armigero, etc. [*Pr.* 8 *Feb.* 1463-4.]

CCIV. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI SIMONIS MERFLET VICARII DE WAGHEN.

Aug. 24, 1462. CODICILLUS.—Coram Deo et hominibus, etc It is my will yat my sister have ij. kye, j. qwye, xl. yerds of lyncloth, xl. yerds of herden cloth, vj. codds, iij. par shetes, j. bolster, a federbed, j. par blanketts, iiij. coverletts, v. brasse potts, j. led, ij. caldrons, ij. wirt pannes, j. basyn pan, j. litill pan, j. gret frying pan, j. basyn, j. laver, j. spit, ij. cobyrens, all ye old pewtr vesell w^t^ all ye tre vessell, a gilt maser; and after hir disces to remayn to ye gild, so y^t^ yai sell it never: j. almery in ye somerhall, a spere in ye sam, a par qwernes, j. par of gallows w^t^ hingils, tongs, a scomer, a brandreth, ij. mete clothes, iiij. towelles, a copstole, a falding burd, ye chekir, a chayer w^t^ fourmes, stoles and burds to hir plesyng, the helm, ye hay, all ye wodd, colles, turves y^t^ langs to ye place, all ye malt yat is in ye new hous chaumbre and all ye whete y^t^ tenes, after my disces, iiij. bakon fliks, ij. beffe fliks, ij. haldyng swyne, a kymenay, a screne of yren, and all my sylver spones. Also ye new hows w^t^ all ye commodities longyng yer to, during hir lyve, and after hir disces to reman unto Robert Baxter and his assyners, and ye seid Robert shall make one obbitt for my soule xx. yere, every yer ij s., and yer to witnes Robert Fobit, Thomas Hoton, Robert Bate and John Bate. Also I gyve to Elyn my servant a cow, a calf, a matrysse, ij. par shetes, a par harden, a par lyn, a par blanketts, a bolster, ij. codds, ij. brasse potts a more and a lesse, a pan and ij. coverletts. Also to Agnes my servant and to hir moder a cow, a posnett. To Sir John Ros xx s. my Jorenall, a litill almery, a cheyr, my best gown. To Sir John Horton xx s. for a quarter sold', a cheyr. To Sir William xx s. for a quarter sowd'. To Sir Simond Freher a maser, a cheyr, a grene hallyng, a noble to receave of Thomas Dower. x. yerds of lyn cloth to Richard Met-

* Alice, daughter of Richard Sherburne, Esq. of Mitton in Craven. She is mentioned in the wills of her father and mother, which have already occurred (Nos. lix. lxxxvii.)

† Richard Banke of Banke Newton in Craven, Esq. was connected by marriage with the family of the testator.

calf. To my Maister Chauncelor j. borden bed, a feder bed, a par blanketts, a par of best shetes, ij. coverletts, a bolster, ij. codds, a selor, iij. curtynes, a litill maser, vj. pewtre doblers, vj. disches, vj. salsers, a gret pot, a gret pan. Also I will y^t^ ye leve in ye place, unto ye vicars behove, a burden bed, a feder bed, a par blanketts, a par shetes, a bolster, a cod, a coverlet, a dosser, a lang bord, a par trists, a chair, a led, a mask fatt, a gyle fatt, a salt fatt, uppon ye condicion y^t^ he will tak it in ye reparacion, and if he will not, it to be sold unto ye seid reparacion. Also to ye Prioress of Swyne xx s. To ye vicar and parich prest of ye same vj s. viij d. To ye kirk of Rowth vj s. viij d. To ye chapell of Sutton vj s. viij d. To ye kirk of Merflet vj s. viij d. To ye chapell of Seynt James xij d. [*Pr.* 25 *May*, 1464.]

CCV. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BURTON CAPELLANI.

July 19, 1464. Johannes Burton capellanus parochialis infirmariæ pauperum infra hospitale Sancti Leonardi* Eboracensis—sep. infra ecclesiam hospitalis predicti. Aliciæ sorori meæ unam togam de musterdevilers penulatam, j. stevened cloth cum arboribus et vj. imaginibus. Elenæ sorori meæ unam togam blodii coloris penulatam et j. parvum stevened cloth cum j. ymagine Beatæ Virginis et scriptura **Mater Dei Miserere mei.**

CCVI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ MARGARETÆ COKEFELD.

15 kal. Julii, 1462. Ego domina Margareta Cokefeld †—sep. in capella Beatæ Mariæ infra ecclesiam Beati Patricii de Nuthall

* The hospital of St. Leonard's, a wealthy establishment in its day, was one of the oldest institutions of the kind in England. Some time after the dissolution of the religious houses it passed into the hands of the Lord Mayor and the Commonalty of the City of York. It was applied by them to ordinary purposes, and the cellars were used as common wine vaults. Little else was supposed to be in existence, but a few years ago, when the house which occupied the site was being removed, a large portion of the hospital was recovered, as it was merely concealed in the walls of the modern dwelling-house. The site has been carefully opened out and the remains of this once flourishing establishment are now one of the many ornaments of the gardens of the Yorkshire Philosophical Society.

† Margaret daughter of . . . Foljambe, and widow of Ralph Monboucher, Esq. married John Cockfield of Nuthall, Esq. by whom she had no issue. An extract from the will of her husband John Cockfield, Esq. who died in 1453, has been already given. The representation of the ancient family of Cockfield now centred in the issue of Agnes Cockfield, who married John Talboys, and Margaret Ascough, who is mentioned by the testatrix, was her great-niece through this match. Lady Margaret, when she made her will, must have been well stricken in years. She was probably staying with the Willoughbies at Wollaton, and the bequest of the remainder of her substance to Richard Willoughby was no doubt an acknowledgment of the kindness and attention of his family.

juxta Johannem Cokfelde nuper virum meum. Item lego duodecim libras ceræ ad comburendum in cereis in die defunccionis meæ apud Wollaton. Et alias duodecim circa sepulturam meam apud Nuthall. Margaretæ Ascowgh unam crateram stantem coopertam argenteam et deauratam vocatam ye cony, et unum Primarium cum uno signaculo argenteo habente duas tales literas c c Fraternitati Sanctæ Trinitatis Notynghame unam cistam cum ferro coopertam et ligatam, pro anima mea et animabus benefactorum meorum.—Ecclesiæ de Nuthall unum Missale nuper emptum de domino Thoma Chaworth et unum calicem emptum ad nundinas de Lenton. Residuum—Ricardo Willughby armigero, Johanni Ingulby capellano et Willelmo Foorth, quos facio executores meos, ut ipsi disponant dicta bona pro anima mea et animabus Radulphi Mowbeger et Johannis Cokefelde armigerorum nuper virorum meorum ac animabus omnium benefactorum meorum. Datum apud Wollaton. [*Pr.* 2 *Aug.* 1464.]

CCVII. TESTAMENTUM ALICIÆ CROULL DE EBOR.

August 1, 1464. Alicia Croull de Ebor. vidua — sep. in ecclesia Fratrum Minorum Civitatis Ebor. juxta Ricardum Croull nuper maritum meum. Agneti uxori Johannis Tanfeld unam crucem argenti et deauratam et unum annulum auri. Uxori Johannis Henrison, marsshall, unum annulum auri. Uxori Johannis Elyson unum parvum anulum auri et unum par precum de nigro gete cum gaudys ejusdem. Uxori Roberti Pirdowe unum anulum argenti et deauratum cum uno trew lyfe. [*Pr.* 14 *Aug.* 1464.]

CCVIII. TESTAMENTUM HENRICI SALVANE ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xv. Sep. A. Dom. M.cccc.lxiiij. Ego Henricus Salvan* armiger et civis Eboracensis—sepeliend. in eccles. Conventuali Fratrum Minorum Eboraci in choro ubi frater meus Johannes miles jacet. Item lego unum lapidem precii iiij. marcarum subscriptum nomine fratris mei et mei ibidem

* It is diffieult to discover the parentage of the testator. He was, I believe, a younger son of the house of Salvin of Hersewell, who had settled in York as a merchant. Sir John Salvin of North Duffield, a brother of Sir Roger Salvin of Hersewell, died about thirty years before the date of the present will. If the testator was a brother of this Sir John he must have been of a considerable age when he made the present will. In the Test. Ebor. I. cccv. is the will of Isabella Salvin, who was probably the testator's sister. On the 1st of April, 1440, Henry Gascoigne, Esq. administers to the effects of Roger Salvin of York, Esq.

super nos jacendum. Lego optimum meum indumentum cum capicio nomine mortuarii mei.—Lego fratri Snawball pro celebracione unius trental missarum v s. Lego iiij lb. ceræ in iiij cereis conficiendæ ad comburendum in choro coram ymagine B. Mariæ Virginis in ecclesia Sanctæ Trinitatis in Gotheromgate Ebor.—Lego Margaretæ uxori meæ duos annulos meos aureos. Johanni filio meo secundum meliorem meam togam, et Thomæ filio meo aliam togam meam optimam juxta illam, et Johannæ filiæ meæ aliam togam optimam post illam. Johanni Harryson capellano unam togam viridem. Henrico Temple servienti domini de Graystok unam togam de russet cum pellibus agninis albis penulatam et j. camisiam. Conano Jossep coco dicti domini j. togam blodiam curtam duplicatam cum les frees russett. Willelmo Malton servo dicti domini unam togam talarem de murray duplicatam. Ricardo Bank servo meo j. tunicam debilem de panno nigro, j. par ocrearum, j. par caligarum veterum et xij d. argenti. Lego iiij. mulieribus servientibus meis cuilibet unum flammeolum precii viij d.—Residuum Margaretæ uxori meæ. [*Prob.* 19 *Oct.* 1464.]

CCIX. TESTAMENTUM REVERENDÆ MEMORIÆ DOMINI WILLELMI BOTH NUPER EBORACENSIS ARCHIEPISCOPI.

In nomine Summæ et Individuæ Trinitatis, Patris, Filii, et Spiritus Sancti, precelsæque Dei genetricis Mariæ, ac omnium celestium civium. Ego Willelmus Both* permissione divina

* William Boothe, fifty-first archbishop of York, was the third son of John Boothe, Esq. of Barton, in Lancashire. In his earlier years he began to study the common law at Gray's Inn, but having the chancellorship of St. Paul's offered to him he accepted it and took orders. In 1447 he was elevated to the see of Lichfield and Coventry, and in 1452, upon the translation of Cardinal Kempe to the archiepiscopal see of Canterbury, Boothe was removed from Lichfield to York. The papal bull authorising his translation was dated at Rome, 12th August, 1452, and the primate elect received the pall at Fulham on the 24th of September in the same year. Boothe was Archbishop of York for twelve years, but his career was not distinguished by any very remarkable acts. He appears to have been of a quiet and peaceful disposition. In the wars of the Roses, which occurred during his primacy, he adopted the cause of the house of Lancaster, and although he took no active part in the politics of the time he still felt severely the reverses of the party to which he had attached himself. It must have been a mournful sight to the peaceful prelate to see his diocese rent by the civil convulsions of the time and deluged with the best and noblest blood of which England could boast. Yet even in the midst of war and commotion he did not neglect the arts of peace. His liberality was profuse, and he spent large sums of money upon his palaces at York and Southwell. At Southwell he had his favourite residence. It was at Southwell that the present will was made, and there he died on the 12th of September, 1464. His remains were interred in the chapel of St. John Baptist in Southwell Minster, where a plain and unpretending monument was placed to commemorate him.

Archiepiscopus Eboracensis, Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ sedis Legatus indignus; in mentis acie considerans quam fragilis et infirma est humana natura, quam breves dies hominis, tamen . . . . niis et miseriis pleni; quam certa mortis preoccupacio, quam incerta hora ejus; quæ omnes disc . . . . . rapit divitem sicuti et pauperem, juvenem ac senem, nec etati sexui parcit aut honori, et volens propterea, Ego Willelmus Archiepiscopus, predicens secundum doctri . . . . . operari dum lucem habuero, ne superveniente nocte ulterius non possit operari'. In . . . . cia et misericordia, atque intercessione Beatissimæ Virginis Mariæ matris suæ ac Beatissimi Petri Apostoli patroni mei, insimulque Omnium Sanctorum meritis et precibus, ac tocius universæque ecclesiæ suffragiis confisus, solique Deo laudes reddens, sanus memoria, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. Inprimis lego animam meam Deo Omnipotenti, et corpus meum, si moriar infra Comitatum Notingham. ad sepeliendum in ecclesia Collegiata Beatæ Mariæ Suthwell,* in cancella Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, in parte australi dictæ ecclesiæ. Et si moriar infra Comitatum Eboracensem, ad sepeliendum corpus meum in ecclesia Cathedrali Eboracensi. Et in exequiis meis die sepulturæ meæ cuilibet canonico presenti in exequiis die sepulturæ meæ vj s. viij d. Et cuilibet vicario et capellano dictæ ecclesiæ presentibus in dictis exequiis [die] in quo corpus meum sepelietur iij s. iiij d. Et cuilibet clerico et ministro ecclesiæ circa corpus meum supradictum xx d. Item do et lego quatuor filiabus Nicholai Byron† militis defuncti maritandis, videlicet cuilibet earundem ccl. marcas. Summa M marcas, quæ quidem mille marcæ volo ut custodiantur in aliquo loco certo et securo per avisamentum executorum meorum ad custodiendum pro maritagiis dictarum filiarum et non ad aliquem alium usum. Et si aliqua vel aliquæ dictarum quatuor filiarum moriatur vel moriantur antequam maritetur vel maritentur, tunc volo quod dictæ ccl. marcæ pro maritagio illius sic mortuæ legatæ dividantur equaliter ad maritagia illarum non ad tunc maritatarum. Item do et lego Seth de Worseley‡ quingentas marcas argenti. Item do et

* The palace at Southwell was a favourite residence of the archbishops of York, and several of them rest in the adjacent minster. Laurence Boothe, Archbishop of York, was also interred at Southwell. It is a very remarkable circumstance that two brothers of this distinguished family rose to the Primacy, whilst several other members of the family were promoted to high offices in the church.

† Sir Nicholas Byron of Clayton, co. Lancaster, the ancestor of the Byrons of Newstead, co. Notts, married a Lancashire lady, Alice, daughter of John Boteler of Beausey. These four daughters are new to the Byron pedigree. Sir Nicholas was a kinsman of the Archbishop. Margaret, the sister of the testator, is said to have married John Byron of Clayton, co. Lancaster.

‡ The family of Worsley appears to have been intimately connected with the Archbishop. Seth Worsley, although he seems to have held no distinguished office under

lego Radulpho Radclyf* centum marcas argenti. Item do et lego Roberto Clyfton† militi, uni executorum meorum, pro execucione facienda testamenti mei xl. libras argenti, ulterius expensas suas circa dictum testamentum. Item do et lego Ricardo Bothe armigero, uni executorum meorum, xl li. argenti ultra expensas circa dictum testamentum. Item volo quod executores mei faciant mansionem pro capellanis per me ordinatis in ecclesia parochiali de Eccles cum ornamentis pro capellanis predictis ad celebrandum divina in dicta ecclesia parochiali de Eccles. Item do et lego capellanis cantariæ Sanctæ Katerinæ in dicta ecclesia parochiali de Eccles xl li. Item do et lego capellanis cantariæ de Jhesu in dicta ecclesia parochiali de Eccles xl li. Item do et lego vicariis choralibus ecclesiæ Collegiatæ Beatæ Mariæ Suthwell xl li. Item do et lego Johanni Byron ccc. marcas ad maritagium suum. Item do et lego Willelmo Both militi pro maritagio filiarum xl li. Item ordino, facio et constituo executores meos Robertum Clyfton militem, Ricardum Bothe et Seth de Worseley ad perimplendum et exequendum dictum testamentum et ultimam voluntatem meam. Item do et lego ecclesiæ parochiali de Leght unum Manuale et unum Missale. Item ecclesiæ parochiali de Prestcote unum Manuale et unum Missale. Item do et lego ecclesiæ Cathedrali Eboracensi, sponsæ meæ, unam mitram cum baculo meo pastorali. Residuum vero omnium bonorum meorum non legatorum do et lego executoribus meis supradictis, ut illi disponant omnia predicta bona in operibus pietatis, prout eis pro salute animæ

the see of York, was evidently in the confidence of the testator, and his name appears in many of his acts and proceedings.

* Ralph Radclyffe, a Lancashire gentleman, was connected by marriage with the Archbishop. That prelate's sister Catherine was the wife of Thomas Radclyffe of Wymersley, in Lancashire.

† Sir Robt. Clifton of Clifton, Co. Notts, the testator's brother-in-law and the head of an ancient and illustrious family. He was the eldest son of Sir Gervase Clifton of Hodsack, whose will has already occurred (No. cxxxvii.) At his father's death, in 1453-4, he was 30 years of age. He married Alice, daughter of John Boothe, Esq. and sister to the Archbishop, by whom he had several children. He died on the 9th of April, 1478, and was buried in the church of Clifton, near his wife, who died on the 9th of September, 1470. Sir Robert had several children. Gervase, his eldest son, was one of the witnesses of the testator's will; his younger brother, Robert Clifton, was more immediately under the patronage of the Archbishop. On May 13, 1454, the Archbishop presents him to the stall of North Muskham, in the church of Southwell, which was vacant by the resignation of Robert Clifton his father, who was the guardian of Gervase Clifton, the last canon. On the 13th of March, 1463-4, the Primate raises his nephew Robert Clifton to the Archdeaconry of the East Riding, and on the 28th of May following he was appointed canon of the stall of St. Michael in the church of Beverley, which was vacant by the death of William Scrope. Clifton all this time was merely an accolite, but twelve days before his patron's death, on the 12th of Sept. 1464, he received his permission to proceed to the more advanced sacerdotal degrees. Whether he did so or not cannot be now ascertained, but we know that he did not survive the Archbishop long, as the permission to administer to the effects of Master Robert Clifton, Archdeacon of the East Riding, was granted on 27th August, 1467, to Robert Hill and William Hesham.

meæ melius videbitur expedire. Hiis testibus, magistro Willelmo Worsley,* magistro Willelmo Brande,† domino Thoma Byrom, Radulpho Radclyff armigero, Gervasio Clyfton armigero et domino Johanne Averell capellano. In cujus rei testimonium presentibus sigillum meum apposui. Datum apud Suthwell xxvj^to^ die Augusti Anno Domini Millesimo cccc^mo^ sexagesimo quarto. [*Pr.* 24 *Nov.* 1464.]

CCX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS MONKETON ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. iiij. die mensis Dec. A.D. M.cccc.lxiiij. Ego Johannes Monkton,‡ armiger—sepeliendum in ecclesia par. de Hynderwell. Lego pro mortuario meo optimum meum equum cum certis pertinenciis, ac uno apparatu armorum, ut moris est. Lego cuilibet capellano ad exequias et missam existenti viij d. Et cuilibet clerico ministranti ij d. Item lego duobus capellanis celebraturis incontinenti post decessum meum per unum annum integrum pro anima mea et animabus benefactorum meorum, ac pro bono statu Isabellæ uxoris meæ, alteri eorum vj. marcas; ea condicione, quod unus eorum celebret continue, cum dispositus fuerit, in ecclesia de Hynderwell, et alter permaneat in loco quo Isabella uxor mea moram traxerit, si velit, vel in alio loco ubi magis videbitur expedire. Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Hynderwell unam togam penulatam de cremycyn et ij. pannos viridis coloris de novo preparandos secundum modum pannorum pertinencium ad altare de Synnyngton, et hoc ex sumptu bonorum meorum. Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Esyngton unam togam penulatam blodii coloris. Lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Lofthous j. togam penulatam de musterdevilers. Hospitali S. Thomæ Martiris in Urbe Romana xij d. Gildæ B. Christofori Ebor. iij s. Johanni Delarever j. cistam remanentem apud Synnygton. Georgio Delarever j. bursam de panno auri. Lego Roberto Monkton j. corres complet.

* William Worsley was made Prebendary of Overhall de Northwell in the church of Southwell, 30 March, 1453. On the 27th of July, 1457, he became Canon of South Cave in the church of York. In 1476 he was removed to the archdeaconry of Nottingham ; and when he died in 1499 he was Dean of St. Paul's, London, in which cathedral he was interred.

† William Brande, domestic chaplain and registrar to the archbishop, was promoted by him on 12 Aug. 1457, to the archdeaconry of Cleveland, resigning his prebend of Oxton-cum-Crophill in the church of Southwell, to which he had been appointed 3 Nov. 1454. On the 30th of Jan. 1460-1, he became Canon of Holme in the church of York, which he resigned on the 10th of March in the following year for the stall of Barnby in the same church. On the 26th of Sept. 1470, he was made Prebendary of Wighton in York Cathedral. He died in 1475.

‡ The testator has been already mentioned in the will of Thomas and Margaret De la River of Brandesby (Nos. cxviii. and cxli.), to whom he was related. The present will is unfortunately imperfect.

Thomæ Monkton fratri meo j. galeam. Christianæ uxori Willelmi Delarever sorori meæ j. vaccam et j. vitulum. Lego Thomæ Delarever j. armillam de auro. Johanni Delarever j. zonam argento paratam et deauratam. Roberto Wardell j. equum album etatis iiij. annorum. Residuum Isabellæ uxori meæ. Volo quod Elizabetha filia Thomæ fratris mei recipiat in propria persona, ne molestentur executores mei, certa debita quæ michi debentur per dictum Thomam fratrem meum.

CCXI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI WILLELMI DOWNHAM CAPELLANI.

Maii xxviij. A.D. M.CCCC.lxiiij. Ego Willelmus Downham de Eboraco capellanus—sep. in eccles. S. Elenæ in Stanegat in medio ambulatorii coram crucifixo—Volo quod Thomas Crisaker clericus habeat vj. cocliaria argenti, j. peciam argenti et optimam meam murram; et volo quod ipse solvat executoribus meis pro eisdem tantum quantum ponderant et non ultra. Aliciæ uxori Willelmi Cleveland drapour j. par precum mixtum cum corallis et whyte bone cum gaudiis argenti et deaurati, unam bursam lineam serico operatam et j. annulum auri. *Codicillus.*—Lego Willelmo Clyveland j. pruce chayer. Johanni Marshall j. Inglish chayer. Lego filio predicti Will. Cleveland omnes libros meos de Miraculis Beatæ Mariæ. Lego domino Roberto Traumer capellano j. librum scriptum cum Pater Noster et alium librum de Intencione Bibliotícæ cum aliis quaternis. Nicholao Kirke Primarium meum et predicto Roberto j. alium librum in eodem ligatum. Lego Willelmo Ball omnes libros meos de Ludo de Pater Noster. [*Prob.* 12 *Jan.* 1464.]

CCXII. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI HAMERTON * RECTORIS ECCLES. B. MAR. VETERIS.

(*Deest caput Test.*)—sepeliendum in summo choro ecclesiæ B. Mar.—Lego emendacioni librorum et ornamentorum ecclesiæ predictæ iij s. iiij d. Lego fratri Johanni Hamerton monacho domus S. Trin. Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Joannæ filiæ Willelmi Nevyll †

* A York clergyman who bears the name of a distinguished family in Craven, with which he was probably connected. Some extracts from the will of Alan Hammerton of York, merchant, who died in the year 1405–6, and from that of his wife Isabel, who died in 1432, may be found at No. XVII. The name of the testator does not occur in the list of the rectors of St. Mary Bishophill Senior, which is given in Drake's Eboracum.

† William Neville, of Thornton Bridge, Esq. He had a house in York in the testator's parish. He died in York in the early part of 1469, and was buried in the choir of St. Mary's, near his father, Sir Alexander Neville.

armigeri filiolæ meæ unam murram sine (*sive* ?) frounce.—Thomæ Dalton clerico sicam meam argento paratam, optimam meam zonam de correo argento paratam, iij. cocliaria argenti de optimis et vj s. viij d. Lego Johanni Dalton capellano fratri ejusdem magistri Thomæ Dalton meum countor cum omnibus bilanc' meis cum suis ponderibus, meam zonam de albo filo operatam argento paratam, iij. cocliaria, meum Psalterium optimum cum omnibus libris meis in paupiro scriptis, optimam togam meam cum capicio optimo, et omnia instrumenta mea, scilicet secures, serras et malleos cum aliis parvis rebus ad carpentriam pertinentibus, meum nigrum pawtener et vj s. viij d. Johanni Dalton marito Aliciæ Dalton mecum morantis. [*Prob.* 27 *Feb.* 1464-5.]

CCXIII. TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI CRATHORN GENEROSI.

In Dei nomine, Amen. viij. Mar. M.cccc.lxiv. Ego Robertus Crathorn * de Ebor. generosus—Volo quod unus obitus in ecclesia de Crathorn pro anima mea et animabus—fiat, et alius obitus apud Fratres de Yarom.—Lego xij. liberis Radulphi Crathorn † militis inter eos equaliter dividendos xl s. Lego filiæ dicti Radulphi, filiolæ meæ, meum Primarium et vj s. viij d. [*Pr.* 18 *March*, 1464-5.]

CCXIV. TEST. JOHANNIS WARTHILL CLERICI.

Sep. xij. M.cccc.lxv. Ego Johannes Warthill ‡ de Civ. Ebor. clericus.—Do et lego Matildæ uxori Johannis Radclyff § gentilman et Johanni filio eorumdem, sub condicione quod idem Johannes filius portet cognomen meum et parentum meorum, ut vocetur Johannes Warthill, totum capitale messuagium meum in quo inhabito in Walmegate.

* A younger son of the family of Crathorne of Crathorne in Cleveland. The head of the house, whom he mentions in his will, was probably his nephew. On the 5th of July, 1395, Thomas Crathorne administers to his brother Nicholas de Crathorne. A Nicholas Crathorne, who was a chauntry priest in St. George's Church in York, died in 1432-3. Thomas Crathorne was one of the Sheriffs of the City of York in 1442, and Lord Mayor in 1445. He was also one of the representatives of the city in the parliament held at Cambridge 25 Hen. VI.

† Sir Ralph Crathorne of Crathorne in Cleveland married Isabel daughter of Sir Thomas Mountford. He seems to have had by her a very large family, very few of whom are recorded in the pedigrees of his house. Sir Ralph died intestate, and his widow Isabel administered to his effects, March 17, 1489–90.

‡ John Warthill was rector of St. Margaret's in Walmegate for many years. His family had been connected with York for several centuries, and the testator was evidently wishful to perpetuate the name.

§ The family of Radcliffe, which was settled at York, was of Lancashire extraction. Some extracts from the will of the father of this gentleman, John Radcliffe, who was a citizen and merchant of York, have been already given, No. LXXXII.

CCXV. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI RICHE CIVIS EBOR.

xxv. Sep. M.cccc.lxv. Ego Willelmus Riche civis et pewterer Ebor.—sep. coram ymagine B. Mariæ Virg. in eccles. mea par. S. Elenæ in Stayngate.—Lego ad picturam ymaginis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis stantis infra chorum Sancti Johannis xx s. Item volo quod omnes denariorum summæ captæ seu capiendæ pro locacione et conductione diversorum instrumentorum artificio meo pertinencium, viz. trium sectarum dictarum brasse moldes, duobus chargeour moldes, de un' holl basyn molde, de un' holl disshe molde, de j. parvo dissh molde, de j. parv' sals' molde, ad quorumcunque manus imposterum devenire contingunt, ad usum et sustentacionem capellanis cantariæ donativæ in ecclesia mea par. et successorum suorum—redundent et fideliter persolvantur—ita quod—unum obitum in dicta ecclesia pro anima mea—

CCXVI. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS ELWYN DE HEDON.

Nov. xxiiij. M.cccc.lxv. Ego Johannes Elwyn* de Hedon in Holdernes.—Lego fabricæ capellæ S. Augustini de Hedon, tam pro sepultura mea, quam pro ornacione picturæ del reredose supra summum altare infra dictam capellam, x s.—Lego ad honorem Dei, Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et Omnium Sanctorum, cantariæ B. Mar. Virg. de Preston, post decessum meum et Johannæ uxoris meæ, magnum meum Portiforium. Capellæ S. Aug. de Hedon unum librum vocatum Legenda Sanctorum. Lego capellæ de Hedon predictæ omnes libros meos Grammaticales, tam in gubernacione Willelmi Paynetour capellani, quam in cista mea existentes, pro doctrina et reformacione puerorum ibidem addiscentium in scola grammaticali ibidem. [*Prob.* 7 *Nov.* 1465.]

CCXVII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ MARGARETÆ STAPILTON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. vij. Jan. M.cccc.lxv. Ego Margareta† nuper uxor Johannis Stapilton militis—corpus sepeliendum in

* A family of some little consequence in the town of Hedon in Holderness. In 1498, Peter Elwyn, of Hedon, desires to be buried in the cemetery of the chapel of St. Augustine at Hedon. He leaves the residue of his estate to John Elwyn, and he makes Sir John Normanville, knight, and Sir Thomas Hobson, the chantry priest of the church of All Saints at Preston, the supervisors of his will.

† Margaret, daughter of Mr. Justice Norton of Norton Conyers, and widow of Sir John Stapleton of Wighill, knight. Her husband's will has already occurred (No. CXLVIII.), and to it several notices of the family of Stapleton have been appended, which need not be repeated here. The testatrix, when she made her will, appears to have been residing in the little nunnery of Clementhorp near York, one of the most favoured

ecclesia Conventuali Priorissæ et Conventus S. Clementis Ebor., si ibidem me mori contigerit, aliter, ubi Deus disposuerit. Lego pro mortuario meo meum mantellum pro corpore talliatum. Lego iiij. cereos ceræ, quolibet continente iij lb. ceræ, comburendos circa corpus meum die sepulturæ meæ.—Lego v. torchias puræ ceræ, precium cujuslibet viij s., comburendum similiter circa corpus meum; et post humacionem meam completam volo ut deserviant summo altari illius ecclesiæ ubi corpus meum sepelitur, ad ardendum tempore elevacionis Corporis Christi. Lego v. pauperibus hominibus dictas quinque torcheas tenentibus et portantibus ad exequias meas et missam die sepulturæ meæ, cuilibet j. togam cum capucio de panno laneo albo. Volo quod quinque denarii liberentur dictis quinque pauperibus hominibus ad offerendum ad missam meam tempore oblacionis die sepulturæ meæ vel octavo. Lego fabricæ illius ecclesiæ in qua ero sepulta pro sepultura mea vj s. viij d. Lego fratri (*blank*) Rothom pro celebracione missæ meæ et pro sermone dicendo eodem die vj s. viij d. Lego xiij. capellanis ad exequias meas et missam cuilibet xij d. Novem clericis, cuilibet iiij d. Uni capellano ad celebrandum pro anima mea et pro anima dicti Johannis nuper mariti mei—per unum annum—vij. marcas. Fabricæ eccles. Cath. Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Cuilibet moniali domus S. Clementis predictæ ad faciendum exequias meas et missam die octavo — cum nota iij s. iiij d. Anachoritæ ejusdem loci ad orandum devote pro anima mea xx d. Priori et Conventui S. Trin. in Mikelgate pro uno obitu die sepulturæ meæ xiij s. iiij d. Fratribus S. Roberti de Knaresburgh pro uno obitu xiij s. iiij d. Priori et Conventui de Helay parke pro uno obitu vj s. viij d. Priorissæ et Conv. domus Monialium de Senyngthwat pro uno obitu xx s. Fabricæ ecclesiæ de Withall, vj s. viij d. Anachoritis in Walmgate et Fisshergate in suburb. Ebor. iij s. iiij d. Hospitali S. Thomæ in Urbe Romana, xx d. Ad distribuendum pauperibus die sepulturæ meæ xiij s. iiij d., cuilibet j d. Lego annulum meum aureum optimum dedicatum, quo utor super digitum meum, ad pendendum super laqueum oloscricum circa collum ymaginis Sancti Salvatoris apud Novum Burgum. Lege Willelmo filio meo j. peciam stantem argenti et deauratam et j. ollam argenti, et j. Missale, et calicem cum uno vestimento ocupandum infra capellam manerii de Withall. Briano* filio dicti Willelmi j. ewer

sanctuaries of the widow and the orphan. Her will makes several additions to the genealogy of the house of Stapleton.

* Afterwards Sir Brian Stapleton of Wighill, the husband of Jane daughter of Sir Lancelot Thirkeld, and the father by her of a large family of children. He died in 1518, and was buried in the chapel of Our Lady in the north aisle of the church of Wighill. His wife died before him, and the widower leaves to his daughter Jane (wife of Robert Conyers of Hutton) "a ryng of golde graved with fedders, which

argenti et j. parvam peciam argenti punsatam. Briano filio meo j. peciam argenti flatt coopertam, j. ollam argenti, j. murram magnam, xij. cocliaria argenti, et x. marcas argenti, si bona mea ad hoc duraverint. Lego Miloni, Thomæ, Johanni et Christoforo filiis meis cuilibet eorum x. marcas argenti, si bona mea. Elizabethæ filiæ j. peciam argenti stantem cum uno bretis. Isabellæ filiæ meæ j. peciam argenti flatt punsatam et coopertam. Katerinæ filiæ meæ j. peciam argenti stantem et coopertam cum ymagine Sanctæ Katerinæ. Willelmo Norton fratri meo c s. Johanni Norton filio et heredi dicti Will. xx s. Johanni Norton militi consanguineo meo j. peciam argenti flatt coopertam et duplicatam deauratam quam pater meus michi legavit in testamento suo. Lego dominæ Isabellæ Vavasour moniali de Senyngthwatt* predicta mantellum meum penulatum cum gray. Lego ad unum jentaculum Priorissæ, monialibus, mulieribus generosis et aliis servientibus dictæ domus Sancti Clementis fiendum die sepulturæ meæ xx s. Lego pro pane, servicia, speciebus et vino emendis pro capellanis, monialibus et mulieribus generosis, ejusdem loci S. Clementis, et clericis ad exequias meas existentibus xiij s. iiij d. Lego Priorissæ dictæ domus S. Clem. j. saltseler argenti coopertum et in parte deauratum pro tempore quo ipsa erit Priorissa ejusdem loci, et volo quod remaneat successive de Priorissa ad Priorissam ejusdem domus pro eorum tabula. Residuum bonorum meorum infra Prioratum S. Clem. et alibi pono ad discrecionem executorum meorum. Executores Willelmum Stapilton filios meos (*sic*). Item lego cuilibet ordini Fratrum infra Ebor. pro exequiis et missa fiendis cito post decessum meum xiij s. iiij d. [*Prob.* 8 *Jan.* 1465-6.]

CCXVIII. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ THORNOLM NUPER DE HARSTHORP ARMIGERI.

A.D. M.cccc.lxv. Ego Thomas Thornolm† de Harsthorp, armiger—sepeliendum in eccles. par. Sancti Martini in Burton

was the last token betwixt my wyffe and me." The wills of the Stapletons are all of them interesting. There were many splendid heirlooms in the family, which are often carefully described.

* The little house of Sinningthwaite was, if I may be allowed to use the term, the most aristocratic of the Yorkshire nunneries. Ladies who had in their veins some of the best blood in the north of England were always to be found within its walls. The nunnery of Clementhorp near York was also similarly favoured.

† The head of a family of some consideration in the East Riding of Yorkshire, which ended during the reign of Elizabeth in two co-heirs, who married into the families of Calverley and Saltmarsh. The testator, according to the Visitation of 1585, was the husband of Elizabeth daughter of John Ellerker of Moretowne. This does not tally with the present will.

Anneys.—Lego ad emendum quoddam ornamentum pro summo altari ibidem ij s. Lego sustentacioni cujusdam luminis vocati torches quæ ponuntur super les Judasses ibidem ij s. Residuum Constanciæ uxori meæ, Waltero filio meo et Annæ filiæ meæ. [*Prob.* 14 *Feb.* 1465-6.]

CCXIX. TESTAMENTUM RICARDI WARTERE* CIVIS EBOR.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Fest. Pentec. M.cccc.lviij. Ego Ricardus Wartere, aldermannus, civis et mercator Ebor.—sepeliend. infra eccles. par. S. Salvatoris in Maresco, Civitat. Ebor., in insula australi, juxta corpus Aliciæ uxoris meæ nuper defunctæ, sub quodam sarcophago de expensis meis ibidem parato.—Lego xx. marcas distribuendas et dividendas inter omnes illos ad quos de rectitudine et jure Johannes Moreton,† pater Aliciæ nuper uxoris meæ defunctæ, in debito erat die mortis suæ, videlicet, cuilibet eorum secundum quantitatem debiti sui. Volo quod executores mei faciant c. togas de nigro panno vel de nigro russett duplicatas cum albo lodice seu albo panno pro pauperibus et mulieribus, cum c. camisiis pro hominibus et pauperibus mulieribus in dicta Civitate Ebor., ac etiam in patria, ubi maxima necessitas paupertatis erit, secundum discrecionem ex. meorum. Ac etiam volo quod omnes literati pauperes dictas togas seu camisias recipientes, qui exequias mortuorum dicere sciunt, dicant tribus vicibus Placebo et Dirige devote cum ix. Lectionibus et Commendacione pro anima mea. Et volo quod executores

The father, or perhaps the grandfather, of the testator, John Thornholme of Hasthorpe, Esq. made his will May 2, 1431. Prob. 19 March, 1434–5. He desired to be buried in the church of Burton Annas, and he left the sum of 14*l.* to have services performed for his soul, and for those of Margaret his wife, and his boys. To John Thornholme, his younger son, he bequeathed his lands in Wakefield. To John Thornholme, his elder son, he left his lands in Driffield, Baynton, Foston, and Brigham. His brother, William Thornholme, is indebted to him in the sum of 20*l.* He mentions his daughter Isabel and his wife Margaret.

Margaret Thornholme of Hasthorpe made her will at Hasthorpe 14 April, 1445. Prob. 7 Dec. 1446. She desired to be buried in the church of All Saints at Annas Burton. The residue of her estate she left to her son Thomas Thornholme (the testator).

* Richard, son of William and Alice Wartre, an alderman and citizen of York. He was one of the sheriffs for the city in the year 1431, and Lord Mayor in 1436 and 1451. He also was one of the representatives of the city in the Parliament holden at Cambridge, 13 Hen. VI. The will of his brother, Thomas Wartre, has been given (No. CVIII).

† The Moretons were a wealthy family of merchants in York. On the 20th of July, 1434, John de Moreton, son and heir of Roger de Moreton, late of Moreton, citizen and alderman of York, desires to be buried in the church of St. Martin's in Micklegate, in the choir of St. Nicholas, near Margaret his wife. To his daughter Ellen he leaves 100 marks for her marriage, "et totum perle quod habeo." His son John de Moreton is his executor.

mei emant seu emere faciant et ordinent j. capam de rubio velwet comodantem ad sectam optimam in eccles. par. S. Salv., quia ibidem est unum vestimentum cum ij. dalmaticis ejusdem sectæ. Et volo quod executores mei faciant scutum cum armis meis, sicut factum est super sarcophagum sepulcri mei, sculptum super libellum dictæ capæ, ea intencione ut populus specialiter oret pro anima mea. Lego ad texturam australis partis dictæ ecclesiæ cum plumbo xl l. sterling. et plus si necesse fuerit. Et volo quod executores mei emant j. Missale et alios libros maxime necessarios ad sustentacionem Divini servicii in ecclesia de Bugthorp ad valorem x. librarum. Et volo quod quandocunque parochiani dictæ ecclesiæ faciant novum campanile * ibidem executores mei solvant parochianis dictis x l. quas Thomas frater meus legavit ad tecturam dicti campanilis. Item volo, ordino et firmissime precipio quod una cista fortis et secura ponatur et stet in vestiario eccles. Cath. B. Petri Ebor. ad conservandum salve et secure bona mea, viz., aurum meum et argentum et thesaurum atque omnes obligaciones et evidencias meas per quas aliqua bona michi debentur. Et volo quod dicta cista firmissime atque tutissime sit serata, et quilibet executorum meorum habeat clavem dictæ cistæ, et quod intersint unanimiter cum aliqua bona fuerint in illam posita seu ab illa recipienda. Et si omnes presentes esse non poterint volo quod iiij. illorum vel tres ad minus. Item volo et ex parte Dei firmiter precipio dictis executoribus meis ut ipsi conducant tales bonos sacerdotes ydoneos et honestos atque virtuosos, qui maxime Deo placere et saluti animæ meæ animarumque predictarum proficere. Item volo quod dicti executores mei scribant seu scribi faciant multas sedulas seu billas proprii nominis mei Ricardi Wartere, prefati Willelmi Wartere patris mei et Johannæ Wartere matris meæ, Aliciæ et Aliciæ Wartere quondam uxorum mearum, omniumque fratrum atque sororum mearum, sicque animarum omnium fidelium defunctorum, ita ut omnes predicti capellani mei qui pro anima mea—concelebrabunt habeant seu habeat unusquisque eorundem unam billam ad altaria sua, ea intencione, ut habeant me in memoria et specialiter et devote orent. Et volo quod dictæ sedulæ dentur omnibus aliis personis tam laicis quam clericis cui seu quibus aliquod est legatum—ut et ipsi similiter possint habere me in memoria et devote orent pro anima mea. [*Prob. Mar.* 1465.]

* The sum of 10*l.* was bequeathed by the testator's brother to build this belfry or tower, as may be seen in his will (No. CVIII.).

CCXX. TEST. JOHANNIS FERNELL DE EBOR. CAPELLANI.

Sep. j. M.cccc.lxvj. Ego Johannes Fernell capellanus—Lego ecclesiæ Omn. Sanctor. de Pescholme unum Psalterium cum porticu Sancti Johannis Baptistæ cathenandum. Ecclesiæ B. Mar. de Bolton in Craven ad serviendum ibidem cuilibet sacristæ pro tempore suo unum librum vocatum Berengarius Cardinalis. Ecclesiæ S. Wilfridi de Brensall in Craven unum librum vocatum Pupillam Oculi—Roberto filio Willelmi fratris mei iij s. iiij d. ad exhibicionem suam in scolis, et unum librum Grammaticalem, unum librum de Placebo et Dirige cum Commendacione et cum uno Ympnario non completo. Ricardo Warde librum vocatum Medullam Grammaticæ cum aliis libris Grammaticalibus, unum librum vocatum Placebo et Dirige. Willelmo Couper filio Roberti Couper unum Primarium. Uni capellano honesto celebraturo per unum annum integrum pro salario suo precium Portiforii sui quatenus sufficere poterit, et residuum salarii sui de bonis.

CCXXI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ MARGARETÆ ASKE.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Septimo die mensis Augusti A.D. M.cccc.lxv. Ego Margareta Aske * relicta Ricardi Aske de Aghton armigeri—sepeliendum in choro Prioratus B. Mariæ de Ellerton. Lego Johanni † Aske filio meo et heredi optimum meum par precum de corall, annulum meum nupcialem, et meam peciam argenti et deaurati coopertam. Condono eidem omnia debita quæ michi debet, c s. exceptis. Elizabethæ uxori dicti Johannis filii mei meum par precum de corall minimum. Margaretæ

* A daughter of Sir Robert Ughtred of Kexby, knight, by Margaret, daughter and coheir of Sir John Goddard, knight. She married Richard Aske of Aughton, Esq. who died in 1460, aged forty, and was buried in the priory of Ellerton. In the chancel of Aughton Church portions of a brass and of an inscription to commemorate the testatrix and her husband are still remaining. The family of Aske of Aughton sprang from a younger son of the house of Aske of Aske, who came into Howdenshire as seneschal of that district under the Bishop of Durham. The family soon took a firm root at Aughton, and acquired great wealth and distinction by allying itself with some of the noblest of the Yorkshire houses. Robert Aske, the illfated leader of the Pilgrimage of Grace, was the great-grandson of the testatrix; and Richard Aske of Aughton, the last of the family of whom we have any record, disgraced himself and the honour of his house by standing counsel to the regicides at the trial of Charles I.

† Sir John Aske of Aughton, knight, was seventeen years old at his father's death in 1460, and he then became a ward of his mother. By his will, dated on 8th of April, 1497, and proved on the 5th of June following, he desired to be buried in the chancel of the Monastery of Ellerton, before the image of the Blessed Mary, where the Gospel is wont to be read by the deacon. His wife Elizabeth was a daughter of the distinguished house of Bigod of Settrington, and by her he left a large family.

filiæ meæ cxx. marcas. Elizabethæ * filiæ meæ cxx. marcas. Lego prefatis Margaretæ et Elizabethæ filiabus meis omnes togas meas cum coffris meis. Lego eidem Margaretæ optimam meam zonam de viridi serico argento paratam et deauratam. Lego predictæ Elizabethæ secundam zonam meam de blodio serico argento paratam et deauratam. Lego predictæ Margaretæ optimum Matutinum librum meum. Elizabethæ filiæ meæ secundum librum meum et meum novum saltsaler argenti et deaurati. Elizabethæ Kirkby j. lectum bonum, ij. vaccas, et v. marcas argenti. Johanni Vavasour cognato meo xl s. Lego vicario eccles. de Aghton xx s. Johanni Redeshawe xx s., et eidem pro levacione debitorum meorum xl s. Fratri Willelmi Bewyk domus ordinis Fratrum Augustin. Ebor. xiij s. iiij d. et eidem pro factura unius fenestræ vitreæ cum armis meis et filii mei ix s. Lego unam crucem auri cum perillis positis ymagini Beatæ Mariæ de Scardeburgh. Lego Roberto Aske † filio et heredi predicti Johannis Aske filii mei ij. cocliaria argenti. Johannæ Ughtred filiolæ meæ ij. coclearia argenti. Item volo quod unus homo conducatur ad peregrinandum usque Sanctum Ninianum in Scocia ad expensas meas, et ibidem offerendum pro me unum annulum auri cum uno dyamant in eodem. Item lego uni homini ituro usque Beatum Thomam Cantuariæ Archiepiscopum et ibidem offerat pro me j. saluꝫ (*sic*) auri. Lego ad orandum pro anima Johannis Stillingstell v d. Lego in oblacione Sanctæ Annæ j d. Lego ad distribuendum pauperibus pro anima mea vj s. viij d. Lego cuilibet pauperi homini de Aghton j. bus. frumenti et j. bus. siliginis. Volo quod tres capellani conducantur ad celebrandum pro anima mea per unum annum integrum. Lego ad empcionem unius lapidis super sepulcrum meum et mariti mei ponendum et jacendum x l. Ricardo et Thomæ filiis meis—Ordino dictum Johannem Aske filium meum et heredem, Johannem Vavasour cognatum meum, predictum fratrem Will. Hoveden vicarium de Aghton, et Johannem Redeshawe executores meos—Residuum Margaretæ et Elizabethæ filiabus meis. [*Prob.* 20 *Nov.* 1466.]

* Elizabeth Aske took the veil, and when her brother, Sir John, makes his will in 1497, she was a nun at Watton.

† Afterwards Sir Robert Aske of Aughton, who had livery of his estates in 1498. His will is dated the 10th of March, 1529-30, and was not proved till the 16th of March, 1541-2, as his children had other things to think of in the interval, which was indeed disastrous to the house of Aske. He desires to be buried in the choir of Aughton, near his wife, who was a daughter of John Lord Clifford. He was fortunately spared from witnessing the loss of his son Robert, for he died on the 21st of February, 1530-1.

CCXXII. TESTAMENTUM WILLELMI TWAYTE ARMIGERI.

In Dei nomine. Fest. S. Barthol. A.D. M.CCCC.lxvj. Ego Willelmus Twayte * de Marston, armiger—sepel. in eccles. par. Omn. Sanctor. de Marston coram altare B. M. Virg. Volo quod tria quarteria bladi disponantur inter pauperes tenentes meos ad orandum pro anima mea.—Lego Nicholao Twayte j. equum badii coloris cum albo capite, iiij. oves matrices et iiij. agnos. Lego ad reparacionem torticiorum ij s., ut sex vel quatuor ardentes deferantur coram corpore meo a domo mea ad ecclesiam. Lego Thomæ Twayte † filio meo, et eciam causa sustentacionis Agnetis sororis suæ, meæ filiæ, omnia vestimenta et ornamenta capellæ meæ et orologium meum cum campana, j. cistam cum evidentiis meis et j. aliam cistam de Flandria, unum le hallyng rubium, ij. cathedras, mensas, formulas et tristellis in aula, j. pelvim de auricalco cum rosa et j. aquarium eidem, les tubbes, troghes et standes pertinencia pandoxatoriæ, brasiatoriæ et botellariæ, preter j. trogh plumbiam; item cisternam plumbiam pro brasio cum le maskefat, priorem bigam ferro ligatam cum jugis et teemes ferreis ac hernesiis pro equis trahendis pertinentibus illæ bigæ, et j. aratrum. Do et lego Aliciæ et Johannæ filiabus meis xl. marcas in pecunia vel bona et catalla ad valorem, viz. xx. marcas utrique ad earum maritagium: ita quod se maritabunt per avisamentum et agreamentum Isabellæ uxoris meæ, Briani Rouclyff,‡ Willelmi Hungate et Thomæ Rowclyff vel unius eorum. Residuum—[*Prob.* 1 *Dec.* 1466.]

CCXXIII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS LANGTON ARMIGERI.

This is the last will of me John Langton,§ squyer, son and heir of John Langton, knyght, made the xxij. day of December,

* William Thwaite of Marston, in the Ainsty of York, Esq. the head of a family which afterwards rose to some eminence. This will makes considerable additions to the pedigree of the family, of the early history of which there is but little known. The will of William Thwaite of Marston, the testator's father, adds another generation to the pedigree. It was proved at York 10 Feb. 1434–5. In it he desires to be buried in the choir of the church of Marston, with the permission of the rector. He then orders Sir Thomas Marshall to make an estate to his son William Thwaite (the testator), of all his lands in Bikerton, and another to his son Robert, of his lands in Hoton, together with the chapel croft. He appoints as his executors Agnes his wife and William his son, and he makes Guy Rocliffe the supervisor of his will. Marston is at a short distance from York, and it is there that that fatal fight occurred which was so ruinous to the hopes of the Royalists, and so disastrous to Charles I.

† Thomas Thwaite, the eldest son of the testator, married a Middleton of Stokeld, and was the progenitor of the family at Marston.

‡ There was evidently some connection between the families of Thwaite and Rocliffe, but where it was I have been unable to ascertain.

§ John, son and heir of Sir John Langton of Farneley, near Leeds. The will of

in the sext yere of the reign of kyng Edward fourt, and I the same John beyng in hele of body and of hole mynde, will and ordenyng, in the forme ensuyng : First, I beqweth my soule to God Almyghty, and to our Lady his blessid modir, and to all the Seyntes of hevyn; and my body to be beried in the parissh chirch of Ledes in the same place where Agnes late wyfe to me the said John is beried, with a stone of marbill to be laid upon us both,* with a grete skochon of myn armes and of the armes of my said wife to be sett in the mydis of the ston, with all my doghtirs in armes with thair husbandis apon my right syde, and and with all my sones and thair wifes in armes apon my left side, and with all my fadir, graunsir, and auncestres in small skochons at my hede, under the scriptur towarde departed, in lyke wise as ye sall fynd thame at Yorke whare myn auncestre is ther. Also I will that the vicar of Ledes have to my corspresand my best hors and also my seconde harnes. Also I bequeyth to the high auter of the chirch of Ledes vj s. viij d. in recompence of all my other dewtis if I have ony. And also to the warke of the same chirch xx s., which I will be delivered to the kirkmaisterys for the tyme beyng. Also I will that every prest syngyng messe in the chirch of Ledes the day of my beryall have vj d., and every other prest iiij d., and every clerk reding lessons ij d., and every child syngyng in the quere j d. To every pore man, woman and child j d. or the walow of j d., and no almos to be gyven to thos childre of whome the fadirs have godes to the value of x l. or more. Also I will and charge myn executours to shewe openly emang the peple that it is my will that no vij. day be made for me. And if I have sufficient of godes to performe this my last will the day of my beriall and over them, I will that of the resydue therof iiij l. of my mony be distribute and given be myn executours to the pore parishyns of Ledes by the avise of the vicar and of ij. wele trustyd men to be chose of every town of the same parissh. Also I bequith to Seynt Petir warke of Yorke vj s. viij d. And to every ordir of ye iiij. ordirs of Freres at

his mother Euphemia has occurred (No. CCII.). The pedigree of the family in Thoresby's Ducatus Leodiensis is full of such glaring inconsistencies, that even Whitaker turns aside to notice them. In it the testator is said to have married Eleanor, daughter of William Saltmarsh, of Saltmarsh, Esq. The name of his wife, as we gather from her monument and the present will, was Agnes. This will is unfortunately imperfect.

* Whitaker alludes to this monument in his History of Leeds. He describes it as a large black marble stone, with the effigies of a male and female figure upon it, which have been originally surrounded by twelve escutcheons. At the feet of the figures is the inscription of which he professes to give a copy. His version must be an incorrect one, as he makes both husband and wife to die on one day, "probably," as he says, "of some pestilential disorder." This by no means tallies with the present will, which is dated some years after Langton and his wife are said to have died. Whitaker has evidently read the inscription incorrectly.

York vj s. viij d. I hâve made a state to Sir Henry Vavasour knyght and to other in and of my maners of Farneley, Gargrave, Multhorp and Clakheton and of othir landes and tenements in Farnelay, Gairgrave, Multhorp, Clakheton, Okenshagh, Scoles, Wyksay, Lutton upon the Wolde and Lillyng, and also of certeyn landes in Tange and in the Cite of York, and of certyne rent in the county of Lancastre—I will that if naythir Sir Robert Danby knyght, James * his son, nor Annes doghtir to John Langton † my son newe dede and wife to the same James—Also I will that the said Annes have astate in like wise of the revercion of an annuite of xx. marcs going out of the maner of Hoton Longvilers, after ye decese of Thomas Langton and William Langton bredir to me the seid John, or elles of the same maner, yf it may be goten for as much as it is taild of olde tyme to me be endenture of marige made betwix Sr Robert Nevill ‡ and Margaret his wyfe doghtir to Sir William Pole.—bror Henry Langton.

CCXXIV. TEST. WILLELMI HOLME VICARII DE MATHERSAY.

Feb. ix. M.cccc.lxvj. Ego Willelmus Holme vicarius eccles. de Mathersay. Lego ad picturam tabernaculi in quo pendet pixis altaris, et ad picturam ymaginis Omnium Sanctorum ex parte sinistra summi altaris situatæ xiij s. iiij d. Lego ad usum dictæ ecclesiæ unum librum vocatum Pupilla, et volo quod ligetur in choro cum cathena ferri ex parte boriali. Lego ad usum dictæ ecclesiæ j. capam de wirsted cum stellis aureis undique textam, unam infulam cum dalmaticis et ornamentis aliis eisdem spectantibus. Item ad usum dictæ ecclesiæ optimum cooperto-rium, ij. optimarum linthiaminum et ij. optima manutergia, necnon j. servicale cerico viridi coopertam, j. pelvim cum lavacro; et volo quod hujusmodi pelvis et lavacrum deserviant temporibus baptizacionis infancium et ad illum usum duntaxat custodiantur.

* Sir James, eldest son of Sir Robert Danby, Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas. He married the testator's granddaughter, Agnes, daughter and heir of his eldest son John Langton, Esq. From this match descended the knightly family of Danby of Farneley, an estate which Sir James received with his wife. Sir James Danby, by his will dated on the 6th of March, 1496-7, which was proved at York on the 28th of June following, desired to be buried in the church of Leeds. His wife, the heiress of Farneley, survived him, and is mentioned in her husband's will.

† John Langton, Esq. the testator's eldest son, whom he speaks of as "newe dead," had been gathered to his fathers some ten years before the date of the present document. By his will, dated Dec. 4, 1452, he ordered himself to be buried in the church of All Saints in the Marsh, in the city of York. He left to Joan his sister three milch kine, and to a midwife (*sic*) of Stockton 3*s*. The residue of his estate he bequeathed to John Langton his father.

‡ The heiress of the Nevilles brought the estate of Farneley into the family of Langton.

Lego ad faciendum pavimentum ante chorum Sancti Johannis Baptistæ in eadem ecclesia vj s. viij d. Lego Priori et Conventui de Mathirsay ad edificacionem domorum ignitarum xs.

CCXXV. TESTAMENTUM THOMÆ SENOWES NUPER DE EBORACO GENEROSI.

Dec. 9, 1466. Thomas Senowes,* gentilman—sep. in cimiterio ecclesiæ Sancti Olavi Ebor. Residuum Margaretæ uxori meæ et liberis meis. [*Pr.* 10 *Feb.* 1466-7.]

CCXXVI. TESTAMENTUM WALTERI CALVERLEY DE CALVERLEY.

In Dei nomine, Amen. vj. Apr. A.D. M.cccc.lxvj. Ego Walterus Calverley† de Calverley in Com. Ebor. armiger—sepeliend. in ecclesia mea parochiali de Calverley. Lego optimum meum animal vicario dictæ ecclesiæ, nomine mortuarii. Lego Katerinæ ‡ uxori meæ optimum meum equum album ambulantem. Lego Beatrici § filiæ meæ xxl. sterlingorum, et xl. oves cum totidem agnellis, vj vaccas cum vj. vitulis, iiij. bucculos, iiij. equos vel equas, et ij. lectos. Et lego cuidam capellano ydoneo et honesto ad celebrandum pro anima mea per j. annum in eccles. mea par. vj. marcas. Et lego quatuor ordinibus Fratrum Mendic' in Civ. Ebor. viij s. inter eos dividendos. Et Fratribus Pred. de

* A York gentleman, and in all probability the father of William Senows, Bishop of Durham. That prelate is said to have been the son of a sieve-maker, and to have been born at the little village of Shincliffe, near Durham. It may, perhaps, seem ungenerous for a native to subtract even one name from the scanty list of local worthies of whom the County Palatine of Durham can boast; but I should like to see this statement of the bishop's origin and birthplace rest upon some other authority than Browne Willis. We have probably before us the will of the prelate's father. Senowes (his name has been written in many ways) began life as a monk of St. Mary's Abbey, York. His rise must have been a rapid one, as he was successively Warden of Merton College, Oxford, Provost of Eton, Chancellor of the University of Oxford, Abbat of St. Mary's Abbey, York, and Bishop of Carlisle. His last piece of preferment was the bishoprick of Durham. He died in 1505, having held the see of Durham for three years, and was buried in St. Mary's Abbey in York.

† Walter Calverley, of Calverley, Esq. the head of a distinguished and ancient house. He is said to have married Elizabeth, one of the daughters of Sir Thomas Markenfield, of Markenfield, 2 Henry V. In his will he mentions his wife Catherine. The testator appears to have discarded the name of Scott, the ancient patronymic of his family, which for some time waged war with Calverley. In the Test. Ebor. I. CCXXXIII. the will of Sir Walter Calverley, the father, or perhaps the grandfather, of the testator, may be found.

‡ A Catherine Calverley, whom I believe to be the widow of the testator, made her will in 1481, which was proved at York three years afterwards. She appears to have lived at Milford, and she desires to be buried on the north side of the church of Sherburne, before the image of St. Mary Magdalene. There is nothing in her will to identify her with any degree of certainty as the widow of the testator.

§ Beatrix, the testator's daughter, became the wife of Tristram Bolling of Bolling.

Pontefract ij s. et Fratribus Minor. de Doncastre ij s. Item lego cuilibet filio meo iiij. vaccas. Item lego Annæ filiæ Willelmi Calverley xx. marcas. Et Thomæ filio Thomæ Calverley iiij. bucculos et ij. juvencas. Et lego Katerinæ uxori meæ xx. oves et xx. agnellos. Item volo quod Katerina uxor mea habeat omnes crateras et jocalia sua quæ fuerunt sua propria tempore nupciarum nostrarum. Et lego Willelmo Calverly * filio meo optimam crateram meam argenti. Et Thomæ filio meo secundam peciam meam argenti. Et lego Roberto † filio meo aliam peciam argenti. Et Willelmo filio meo et filiis suis optimam crucem meam auri. Et lego Thomæ filio meo xl. oves et predicto Roberto filio meo xl. oves. Et lego Radulpho Wentworth ‡ ij. bucculos et ij. juvencas biennes. Ricardo Sanderson j. bestiam biennem. Johanni Thorp j. bestiam biennem. Residuum— Executores facio Willelmum Calverley, Laurencium Kyghelay,§ et Thomam Clapam ‖ armigeros. [*Prob.* 5 *Mar.* 1466-7.]

CCXXVII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS FITZWILLIAM.

In Dei nomine, Amen. x. Sep. M.cccc.xlvj. (*sic*). Ego Johannes Fitzwilliam ¶ de Waddesworth—sepeliendum ubicunque Deus disposuerit. Lego nomine mortuarii mei optimum meum animal vicario eccles. de Waddesworth. Lego eidem vicario pro decimis meis oblitis iij s. iiij d. Lego idoneo et honesto capellano ad celebrandum pro anima mea et anima uxoris meæ, ac animabus omnium pro quibus orare teneor, xiiij. marcas. Lego Aliciæ filiæ Margaretæ uxoris meæ unam ollam eneam, j. pelvim cum lavacro. Elizabethæ Stirlay unam ollam enneam, j. pelvim cum lavacro. Item lego fabricæ ecclesiæ de Waddesworth vj s. viij d.

* William Calverley, Esq. the testator's son and heir, married Agnes, a daughter of Sir John Tempest of Bracewell. His marriage articles are dated 20 Henry VI. On the 12th of April, 1488, he made his will, which was proved at York on the 31st of January following. He desires to be buried in the church of Calverley. He mentions his wife Agnes, his brother Robert, his sons William, John, Richard, Robert, Thomas, and Nicholas, his daughter Alice, and his sister Elizabeth, both of whom were then nuns at Esholt. He calls himself "senior" in his will.

† Robert Calverley (the elder) of Calverley, Esq. one of the younger sons of the testator, survived till 1498-9. He then made his will, in which he desired to be buried in the choir of the church of Calverley, under his stone. He mentions his daughters Catherine and Alison, with the children of his brother Thomas, and Sir William Calverley and his lady. His wife had died before him.

‡ Ralph Wentworth was probably a kinsman of the testator. Elizabeth, the testator's daughter, married John Wentworth of North Elmsal.

§ One of the testator's daughters was the wife of Richard Kighley.

‖ Margaret Calverley, a daughter of the testator, married Thomas Clapham.

¶ The testator does not appear in the pedigree of Fitzwilliam of Wadworth which is given by Mr. Hunter. From the date he might perhaps be a son of that Edmund Fitzwilliam who died in 1430.

Residuum Aliciæ uxori meæ, Arnaldo Reresby * et Willelmo Wynsterlay vicario de Cunesburgh. Lego utrique dictorum Arnaldi Reresby et Will. Wynsterlay pro eorum laboribus xiij s. iiij d. [*Prob.* 1 *Ap.* 1467.]

CCXXVIII. TESTAMENTUM DOMINI WILLELMI BOSTON.

In Dei nomine, Amen. xxj. die mensis Mar. A.D. M.CCCC.lxvj. Ego Willelmus Boston, de Newarke, capellanus—sepeliendum coram altare S. Stephani in eccles. par. de Newarke. Et volo quod sepulcrum meum tegatur cum lapide marmoreo. Et volo quod sit super illum lapidem ymago ad similitudinem patris mei et altera ymago ad similitudinem mei, filii sui, in memoriam utriusque. Lego vicario parochiali eccles. predictæ nomine mortuarii mei optimum jocale meum. Cuilibet filiorum et filiarum Thomæ Boston de Lincoln vj s. viij d. Lego Thomæ Herte j. lectum integrum viz. coopertorium, tapetum cum rosis contextum, etc. et sex cocliaria argenti, j. marcipium cum zona harnesiata, coloris blodii, anamelata. Lego predicto Thomæ et Johannæ sorori suæ gardinum plantatum cum croco prout jacet ad orientalem finem adjunctum cantle de Newerk, et omnia capita croci plantata in orto meo ad finem le Appilton gate, exceptis dumtaxat sex quarteriis. Lego communi stipiti cantariæ predictæ xl s. Lego communitati ejusdem loci meum jurinale, ita quod sit in custodia senescalli ejusdem loci, et lego eidem

* Arnald Reresby of Rotherham, Esq. was probably a younger son of Sir Thomas Reresby of Thribergh, who died in 1439. His will, which is dated on 28 Nov. 1485, was proved at York on the 4th of January following. He desires to be buried in the church of Thribergh. He leaves 24 marks to a suitable priest who shall do service and pray specially for his soul, and for those of William Reresby his brother, and Isabella his sister, for the space of four years. To the making or glazing of a window in the chapel of the Blessed Mary upon Rotherham Bridge, 6*s.* 8*d.* To Elizabeth, Margaret, and Alianor Reresby 6 marks each. To Thomas Reresby 20*s.* To Isabel Westby 10*s.* To Elizabeth Fitzwilliam 13*s.* 4*d.* To Arnald Wardrop, 13*s.* 4*d.* To Richard Reresby 13*s.* 4*d.* To Arnald Tak 6*s.* 8*d.* To the Abbot and Convent of Roche 13*s.* 4*d.* To John Greenwood, Vicar of Rotherham, 10*s.* To John Treyton 20*s.* He appoints his cousin Ralph Reresby his executor. Arnald Reresby died 2 Dec. 1485, and was buried in Thribergh Church, where his monument is still remaining. His name was formerly recorded in one of the windows in Rotherham Church.

Of Sir Thomas Reresby, the father of Arnald, there is but little known. He married Maud Bosvile of Chevet, and, dying 28 March, 1439, was buried near his wife in Thribergh Church. His wife died in June, 1430. Sir Thomas made his will 7 Dec. 1431, which was not proved till April 28, 1439. He orders himself to be buried in the church of St. Leonard at Thribergh, and he desires that a chaplain may be found to do service for his soul, as well as for that of Matilda his wife, with others. His sons Ralph and Arnald Reresby are his residuary legatees and executors, and his cousin Peter De la Pole is the supervisor of his will. His father, another Sir Thomas Reresby, died in 1394.

loco unum librum vocatum Medulla Grammatiæ. Lego Willelmo Banaster capellano meum optimum superpellicium et optimam cicam meam.—Thomæ Padlay capellano meum a mashode et secundum superpellicium meum. Lego capellano cuidam celebraturo per tres annos integros ad altare S. Laurencii pro anima mea, parentum meorum, magistri Johannis Lawe, Roberti Lawe et Beatricis uxoris ejus xvj l. Et volo quod intersit choro in ecclesia predicta quolibet festo ix. Lectionum, et quod cotidie dicat Placebo, Dirige et Commendaciones pro animabus predictis. Lego Johannæ Raynes j. coopertorium cum leone contextum, xx s. et j. togam talarem blodiam cum capucio ejusdem coloris. Roberto Crecy j. par precularum de mystiltyne. Johanni Willingham capellano meum bever hatt. Henrico Raynes unum gardinum in Coddington lane plantatum cum croco. Magistro Roberto Dey unum librum vocatum Bartilmey Theologiæ. Lego uni sacerdoti peregre profecturo pro me ad Bridlington, Walsingham, Cauntirbery et Hayles xxvj s. viij d. Altari S. Trinitatis xl s.—et volo quod ista summa expendatur in honesta clausura biforali circa tabulam ad altare predict. Item volo quod tota mea pecunia numerata ponatur in una cista cum tribus clavibus diversis, ita quod unusquisque executorum meorum habeat unam, et volo quod predicta cista ponatur in una camera infra predictam cantariam vel in vestibulo ecclesiæ parochialis de Newarke. Et volo quod nullus executorum meorum occupet—nec faciat absque concilio aliorum duorum. Thomæ Burgh militi unum annulum aureum.

Bona legata ore tenus post sigillacionem testamenti.—Emmæ uxori Johannis Colcroft j. ymaginem S. Johannis Baptistæ—ymaginem B. Mar. Virginis cantariæ de Newarke. Dim. uln. damask legat summo altari et altari S. Laurentii. [*Prob.* 24 *Ap.* 1467.]

CCXXIX. TESTAMENTUM DOM. HUGONIS SMYTH RECTORIS DE SAUNDEBY.

Maii xx. M.cccc.lxvij. Ego Hugo Smyth rector eccles. par. de Saundeby—sep. in cimiterio eccles. S. Martini de Saundeby. Lego Willelmo Smyth fratri meo unum librum vocatum le Byblem, usque clausum vitæ suæ, et post decessum ejusdem Willelmi lego predictum librum ecclesiæ de Saundeby, ita quod non alienetur ab inde, non per dominum nec per rectorem, neque per ecclesiæ prepositos nullo modo vendatur, sed extat in choro ad scabellum cathenatus, ac ibidem sine fine permansurus ad utilitatem ac profectum in posterum legencium.

CCXXX. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS LATON NUPER DE SAXHOW ARMIGERI.

March 19, 1466-7. Johannes Laton * de Saxhowe armiger—sep. in navi ecclesiæ meæ parochialis de Rudby. Elizabethæ filiæ meæ ad maritagium suum viginti libras. Residuum Elizabethæ † uxori meæ, Georgio et Rogero filiis meis, quos constituo executores meos. Et Christoferum Conyers ‡ militem supervisorem. Hiis testibus, Christofero Conyers § rectore ecclesiæ de Rudby, Domino Ricardo Mansfelde dictæ ecclesiæ capellano parochiali, etc. [*Pr.* 25 *May*, 1467.]

CCXXXI. TESTAMENTUM DOMINÆ MATILDÆ EURE NUPER RELICTÆ WILLELMI EURE MILITIS.

In Dei nomine, Amen. I Malde Euer, ‖ late the wyfe of Sir William Euer knyght, stondyng in my pure wydowhode, the xij. day of February, in the yere of oure Lorde Jhesu M^l^. cccc. lxvj, beyng hole of mynde and discrecion, maks, ordans and setts my testament in this wyse. Fyrst I gyfe and witts my saule to Almyghty God and to his gloriouse modyr and wirgin Sanct Marie and to all the Sancts of heven, and my body to be beryd in the abbay of Alde Malton in the where by syde my husband. Also I wite to ylkon of my sonnes v. twynters

* The family of Laton took up its abode at Sexhoe in Cleveland, at the close of the 14th century, in right of Elizabeth, one of the coheirs of Nicholas Gower, who became the wife of Thomas Laton of Laton in Richmondshire, the father of the testator. On the 20th of June, 1431, the testator had a grant of lands in Brawith made to him by his father and mother. The maiden name of his wife has not yet been ascertained. He had by her a large family. His eldest son, Robert Laton of Melsonby and Sexhoe, Esq. died in 1480, and his widow Eleanor in 1503. The main line of the family became extinct towards the close of the 17th century.

† On May 11, 1480, Roger Laton, Esq. was allowed to administer to the effects of Elizabeth Laton of the city of York, widow, and of Sir Robert Laton, late Rector of St. Saviour's in that city, both of whom had died intestate.

‡ Sir Christopher Conyers of Hornby, about whom much has been already said.

§ Christopher Conyers, Rector of Hutton Rudby in Cleveland, and the parish priest of the testator, was one of the younger children of Sir Christopher Conyers of Hornby. He died in 1483 ; and his will, which is dated in that year, throws considerable light upon the much-disputed genealogy of the house of Conyers of Hornby. He was instituted to the rectory of Rudby penult. Feb. 1456-7, on the presentation of Sir John Conyers, Knight. The living was then vacant by the death of John Castell.

‖ Maud daughter of Henry Lord Fitzhugh of Ravenswath Castle, by Elizabeth heiress of Sir Robert Grey of Rotherfield and the widow of Sir William Eure of Witton Castle in the bishoprick of Durham. Her mother Elizabeth, the Lady of Ravenswath, mentions her in her will, which was dated in 1427, and leaves to her "a Primer covered in blew." (Wills and Inv. 211.) By Sir William Eure the testatrix had a large family. The manor house of Old Malton was the favourite residence of the Eures, and many of them were interred in the adjacent monastery. Her eldest son, Sir Ralph Eure, was killed at Towton in 1461.

and two threnter stotts. Also I wite to every one of my saide sonnes xx. ȝowes and two oxen yat ar at Wotton. Also I witt to my doghter dame Marjory Conyers* j. standyng pece gilted. Also to my doghter Kateryn Owthrede† j. pece of silver coverte. Also I witt to my doghter dame Johan Ogle‡ j. pece of silver coverde and also xx^ti ȝows. Also I witt to my son Herre j. saltsaler of silver covert. Also I witt to Eufeme Spenser xx s. and a bede. Also to Agnes Dalton xx s. and a bede. Also to Margarete nures xiij s. iiij d. Also to Robert Melott xx s. Also to Sir Thomas Slake to syng for me a twelmonth xl s. with his borde. Also to William Bady ye elder xx s. Also to William Bady his son xiij s. iiij d. Also to John Cuke x s. Also to John Flesshewer vj s. viij d. Also to William Alde x s. Also to John Coll x s. Also I witt to Herre my son al my husbandery at Malton, that his to say, vj. oxen with the ploght and wayne and all odyr gere thar to belonging, with two staggs that ar at Wotton. Also I witt to the kirke of Wotton iij. shepe. Also I witt to Sir Thomas Slake to his rewarde xx s. Also I witt to the kirke of Sant Andrew Awkland in the Bishoprike of Durham a draght ox for my corse present. Also I witt to the Prior of Malton vj s. viij d. to pray for my saule. Also to evere chanon xx d., and to the nonyes xij d. to pray for me. Also I witt to the howse of Hertilpole vj s. viij d. to say a trentall of messes for me. Also I witt to Dane Robert Harlesay xx d. by side his leget before. Also I witt a westement of red velowet to Sant John of Baptiste awter in the Abbay of Malton to be abiding yer. Also I wit to Sir Thomas Slake j. bede at Wotton. Also to Janet Dykson vj s. with a bede. The residue of all my godees meveable and unmevable a boun not legate, my detts payed, and the costes of my beryall fulfilled, I gyfe to my sonnes Herre Eure,§ Maister William Eure‖ and John Eure, that yai

* Margery wife of Sir Christopher Conyers of Sockburn, Kt. by whom she had many children.

† Catherine married Sir Robert Ughtred of Kexby, Kt.

‡ About this lady there is some little obscurity. She may, perhaps, have been the wife of Sir John Ogle, a younger son of the house of Bothal, who took the name of Bertram. He had a wife Jane, about whom Mr. Hodgson in his History of Northumberland can give no information. She remarried a Pennington.

§ Henry Eure of Old Malton, Esq. the second son of the testatrix, took to wife Catherine Danby the widow of Robert Lascelles, Esq. of Sowerby near Thirsk. By her he left a daughter Margery. In his will, dated at Old Malton, 17 Oct. 1476, he desires to be buried in the "Monastery of our Lady in Olde Malton before the medys of the alter of Seynt John of Baptist, where the prest usith to saye *Confiteor*." The will is too interesting to be compressed within the narrow compass of a note.

‖ William Eure, S T.B. one of the younger children of the testatrix, occurs as rector of Brompton in Pickering Lyth in August 4, 1453. He then obtains a licence to preach from the Archbishop of York. On Sept. 20, 1460, he exchanges his living of Brompton with John Gisburn for the precentorship in York Minster, and on the 28th of July, in the following year the Archbishop grants him a dispensation for non-

dispose yerwith as semes yam most expedient for the wele and hele of my saule. And of this my last will and testament to be fulfillede, I make myn executoures my saide sonnes Herre Eure, Maister William Eure and John Eure. Also I ordan and mak surviors of my saide will and testament, that my will aforesaid may be fulfilled, my especiall good lord my lorde of Graystoke and my lorde Fytheughe.* Yeven the day and the yere above-said. Theys wittenes, Prior of Malton, Sir William Turnor, Sir Thomas Slake and William Bady the elder. [*Pr.* 30 *May*, 1467.]

CCXXXII. TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS SMYTH DE NEWERK CAPELLANI.

Jun. vj. M.cccc.lxvij. Ego Johannes Smyth de Newarke capellanus—sepeliend. in eccles. par. B. Mar. de Newarke coram ymagine Beati Nicholai, more presbiteri cantar. ejusdem loci. Quatuor capellanis portantibus funus meum ad ecclesiam, cuilibet v d., in honore quinque vulnerum Domini nostri Jhesu Christi. Et volo quod quilibet sacerdos veniens ad sepulcrum meum procumbens sub stola in tempore absolucionis habeat ij d. Lego ad altare S. Nicholai unum vestimentum de damask et unum crucifixum de argento ibidem imperpetuum permansura in memoriam mei et omnium benefactorum meorum.

residence, as, in obedience to the King's mandate, he was unable to be far distant from the city of London. Eure was Vicar of Leeds for some time, and he founded the chantry of St. Mary Magdalen in that town. He was living in 1476, when he is mentioned in his brother Henry's will.

* The nephews of the testatrix. To illustrate the relationship which existed between these two noble houses, I append a document which may be found in the Register of John Kempe, Cardinal Archbishop of York, fol. 158-9. It appears that Ralph the eldest son and heir of John, Baron of Greystock, was desirous of contracting an alliance with Elizabeth one of the daughters of William Lord Fitzhugh of Ravenswath. He finds that she is his cousin, a relationship which in those days was fatal to matrimony if no dispensation from some ecclesiastical authority could be obtained, and accordingly he obtained a dispensation from Pope Eugenius IV. Armed with this instrument young Greystock goes at once to the Archbishop of York and obtains an audience of that prelate in the Hospital of St. James, near Westminster, on the 22d of November, 1434. He was accompanied by John Catterick, who acted as proctor for his betrothed. The Archbishop, who was perhaps annoyed at Greystock's going to the Papal court for a dispensation which he could have granted himself, requires the production of witnesses to prove the exact relationship between the two parties. The witnesses who are produced were all of them Yorkshiremen by birth, and one of them at least was a distinguished man. They were, William Ayscough, gentleman, learned in the law, Richard Burgh (domicellus), and Richard Seggeswyk. The witnesses assert that Henry Fizherry, knight, was the father of Henry Fizhugh and Joan, that Henry Fizhugh was the father of another Henry who was the father of William Lord Fizhugh, whose daughter Elizabeth was the wife of the said Ralph Greystock. (It does not follow from this that the marriage had already taken place). The witnesses now proceed to give the pedigree of the lady. Joan the daughter of Henry Fizherry, knight, was the wife, as they say, of William Baron Greystock, and the mother by him of Ralph, the father of John the petitioner's sire. The Archbishop confirmed the papal dispensation, and we are indebted to his scruples for the preservation of an interesting record, a curious specimen of a kind of documentary evidence, which is very rarely to be met with.

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P. 10.—For "this family were owners of," read "this family possessed."

P. 30.—Note. Guy Rocliffe was Recorder of York: his son Brian was made a Baron of the Exchequer in 1458.

P. 40.—Note, line 3. For "daughter and coheiress," read "sister and coheiress."

P. 67.—Note, line 4 from foot of the page. For "Hatham," read "Hotham."

P. 79.—Line 12. For "Metrodoro," read "interdicto."

P. 85.—No. lxxiii. In 1390 the Prior and Convent of Durham borrow 100 marks of Thomas de Blenkensop, knight, Dame Margaret, his wife, and John, their son. On Nov. 17, 1397, they borrow 50 marks of Alexander, son of Thos. de Blenkensop, knight, who was then living at Semer, near Scarbrough.

P. 105.—Note. This lady appears, after all, to have been a Hamerton of Hamerton. Dr. Whitaker, in his History of Craven, p. 127, gives her monumental inscription.

P. 110.—Note. The first wife of Sir Giles Daubeny was a daughter of Philip Lord Darcy. His grandson, another Giles, was created Lord Daubeny in 1486, and his great-grandson Earl of Bridgewater in 1538.

P. 121.—Line 3 from foot of the page. For "filiolo meo" read "filiolæ meæ." This lady was a daughter of Thomas Lord Clifford, and she afterwards became the wife of Sir John Harrington of Hornby.

P. 170.—Note. Sir Gervase Clifton was buried in the chancel of his own church, at Clifton, and not in Southwell Minster.

P. 187.—I am glad to have it in my power to add an engraving of the signet of John Lord Scrope.

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THE SURTEES SOCIETY.

REPORT FOR THE YEAR MDCCCLV.

The Surtees Society celebrates to-day its 21st Anniversary, and its past career has been so prosperous and encouraging, that it looks forward to the future with confidence and pleasure. The field of historical literature on which it has been engaged is still inexhausted, and the success that has hitherto attended the undertakings of the Society gives it fair reason for hoping that its future efforts will be still more appreciated and still more successful.

The Surtees Society was established in 1834, as a tribute of respect to the memory of Robert Surtees, Esq., the historian of the County Palatine of Durham. His many friends and admirers thought that the institution of a Society to perpetuate the name and to follow in the footsteps of that distinguished antiquary, would be the fittest monument that they could rear to commemorate him. The object of the Society which was thus begun was to secure the publication of MSS. which threw light upon the religious, moral, and social condition of the Northern parts of England, and in this it has been eminently successful. When our Society commenced its labours twenty-one years ago, it stood almost alone in the literary world, now, happily, there are many other publishing societies which have copied our rules and followed our example. The Surtees Society found the North rich in MSS. which none of our Northern Antiquaries would venture to publish on his own individual responsibility,—now it has given to the world a series of Works, not merely of local, but also of national interest—a series of Works which adds greatly to the long-established reputation of our Northern Antiquaries, and to which every modern writer on the manners and customs of our ancestors is more or less indebted.

The Surtees Society is at present in a much better position than it has ever yet occupied, and for this it is indebted to the judicious alterations in its constitution which were effected some six years ago. It was then deemed expedient to dissolve the original Society, and to re-establish it with a wider field for action, and a more liberal constitution. Since that fortunate

re-formation the Society has yearly increased in numbers and efficiency. In 1849, the year of its re-establishment, the Socsety had only 90 members, it now numbers 180. The volume of York wills which is laid before the Society to-day, is the 30th that it has published; and it is most satisfactory to observe that the Society derives a large and rapidly increasing annual income from the sale of its publications, notwithstanding the high prices which are necessarily put upon the volumes.

One of the publications of the Society for 1856, is the elaborate survey of the County Palatine of Durham, which was prepared during the Episcopate of Thomas Hatfield (1345-1381). This document, which has never yet been published, is of the greatest interest and value. As the publication of this record will necessarily entail upon a Society a very serious outlay, it has been deemed advisable to solicit the assistance of the public at large to enable the Society to publish a work of public interest and importance. This appeal has been liberally responded to, and the Society trusts that it will shortly be enabled to give forth to the world an accurate imprint of this most important document.

THE SURTEES SOCIETY,

ESTABLISHED IN THE YEAR 1834.

In honour of the late Robert Surtees, of Mainsforth, Esquire, the Author of the History of the County Palatine of Durham, and in accordance with his pursuits and plans; having for its object the publication of inedited Manuscripts, illustrative of the intellectual, the moral, the religious, and the social condition of those parts of England and Scotland, included on the East between the Humber and the Frith of Forth, and on the West between the Mersey and the Clyde, a region which constituted the Ancient Kingdom of Northumberland.

NEW RULES AGREED UPON IN 1849.

At a General Meeting of the Surtees Society, held in the room of the Warden of the University of Durham, on Thursday, May 31, 1849, the Rev. TEMPLE CHEVALLIER, one of the Vice-Presidents of the Society, in the chair.

The Report of the Committee appointed at a General Meeting, held on the 7th February last, to revise the Rules

of the Society was taken into consideration, and the following Rules were adopted for the future government of the Society:—

I. The Society shall consist of an unlimited number of members.

II. There shall be a Patron of the Society, and the Right Reverend Edward Maltby, D.D., F.R.S., Lord Bishop of Durham, shall be the first Patron.

III. The Warden of the University of Durham for the time being shall be the President of the Society.

IV. There shall be twenty-four Vice-Presidents, of whom four shall be such of the Professors, Tutors, or Fellows of the University of Durham as shall be members of the Society. There shall also be a Secretary and two Treasurers.

V. The Patron, the President, the Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurers, shall form the Council, any five of whom, including the Secretary and a Treasurer, shall be a quorum competent to transact the business of the Society.

VI. The twenty-four Vice-Presidents, the Secretary, and the Treasurers, shall be elected at a general meeting, to continue in office for three years, and be capable of re-election.

VII. Any vacancies in the offices of Secretary or Treasurers shall be provisionally filled up by the Council, subject to the approbation of the next general meeting.

VIII. Three meetings of the Council shall be held in every year, one in each academical term of the University of Durham, at such place, and on such a day, as shall be fixed upon by the President, to be communicated by the Secretary to the members of the Council.

IX. The meeting in the Easter Term of each year shall be the anniversary, to which all the members of the Society shall be convened by the Secretary.

X. The President shall have the power of convening extraordinary meetings of the Council.

XI. Members may be elected by ballot at any one of the terminal meetings, upon being proposed in writing by three existing members. One black ball in ten shall exclude.

XII. Each member shall pay in advance to the Treasurer the annual sum of one guinea. If any member's subscription shall be in arrear for two years, and he shall neglect to pay his subscription after having been reminded by the Treasurer, he shall be regarded as having ceased to be a member of the Society.

XIII. The money raised by the Society shall be expended in publishing such compositions, in their original language, or in a translated form, as come within the scope of this Society, without limitation of time with reference to the period

of their respective authors. All editorial and other expenses to be defrayed by the Society.

XIV. One volume, at least, in a closely printed octavo form, shall be supplied to each member of the Society every year, free of expence.

XV. If the funds of the Society in any year will permit, the Council shall be at liberty to print and furnish to the members, free of expense, any other volume or volumes of the same character, in the same or a different form.

XVI. The number of copies of each publication, and the selection of a printer and publisher, shall be left to the Council, who shall also fix the price at which the copies not furnished to members shall be sold to the public.

XVII. The armorial bearings of Mr. Surtees and some other characteristic decoration connecting the Society with his name, together with the armorial bearings of the University of Durham, shall be used in each publication.

XVIII. A list of the officers and members, together with an account of the receipts and expenses of the Society, shall be made up every year to the time of the annual meeting, and shall be submitted to the Society to be printed and published with the next succeeding volume.

XIX. No alteration shall be made in these rules except at an annual meeting. Notice of any such alteration shall be given, at least, as early as the terminal meeting of the Council immediately preceding, to be communicated to each member of the Society.

(Signed) TEMPLE CHEVALLIER.

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ACCOUNT OF WILLIAM HENDERSON, ESQ., AS TREASURER OF THE SURTEES SOCIETY,

FROM JANUARY 1ST, 1853, TO DECEMBER 31ST, 1854.

Dr.	£.	s.	d.
To balance in the hands of the Treasurer	121	6	2
To amount of Subscriptions received by W. Henderson, Esq., from January 1st, 1853, to December 31st, 1854, per list	302	13	6
To amount of Subscriptions received by J. G. Nichols, Esq., from January 1st, 1853, to December 31st, 1854, per list	47	5	0
To received of Mr. George Andrews, for balance of Sale of Books, after paying expenses, to June 30th, 1853	26	15	2
To received of Mr. George Andrews, for balance of Sale of Books, after paying expenses, to June 30th, 1854	34	12	11
To received for a coloured Copy of the Initial Letters of the Lindisfarne Gospels	0	3	6
	£532	16	3

Cr.	£.	s.	d.
By paid S. Bentley and Co., printing Boldon Buke, 350 copies, and binding 200 copies	49	19	0
By paid S. Bentley and Co., binding 150 copies Anglo-Saxon Hymnarium, and Boldon Buke...	5	5	0
By paid Rev. William Greenwell, Editing, &c., the Pontifical of Egbert	21	0	0
By paid Rev. James Raine, Jun., Editing, &c., the Richmondshire Wills	57	0	0
By paid J. B. Nichols and Son, printing the Richmondshire Wills, 350 copies, and binding 250 copies, &c.	92	16	2
By paid Duncan and Sons, Printing, &c.	5	13	6
By paid Assistant-Treasurer 2 years' salary	2	2	0
By paid J. B. Nichols and Son, printing the Life of R. Surtees, Esq., and binding 350 copies	136	6	10
By Balance in hands of William Henderson, Esq., Treasurer ...	153	4	9
By Balance in hands of J. G. Nichols, Esq., Treasurer	9	9	0
	£532	16	3

We, the Auditors appointed to audit the Accounts of the Surtees Society, report to the Society that the Treasurers have exhibited to us their Accounts, from the 1st of January, 1853, to the 31st day of December, 1854, and that we have examined the said Accounts and find the same to be correct; and we further report that the above is an accurate Abstract of the Receipts and Expenditure of the Society during the period to which we have referred.—As witness our hands this second day of June, 1855.

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